

Traffic Board Meeting
July 6, 2009

Meeting held on July 6, 2009 at the Traffic & Parking Office, 133 Holland St

Attendance: Michael Buckley, Peter Miller, Assistant City Solicitor Frank Wright, Alderman Thomas Taylor, James Kotzuba, Laura Accaputo

Meeting was called to order by Peter Miller @ 11:10am

A Motion was made by Michael Buckley to name Peter Miller as the chairman of the Traffic Board, 2nd by Peter Miller, unanimous

Item#1 – Review status of petition received challenging the decision of the Traffic Commission on May 21, 2009 to extend the hours of operation of parking meters in the City of Somerville.

James Kotzuba, Director of Traffic & Parking explained that he had received a letter from Amber Daniels along with three separate petitions challenging the decision of the Traffic Commission to extend the hours of operation of parking meters in the City of Somerville. He consulted The City of Somerville Solicitors Department for their opinion and then convened the Traffic Board for their review and decision. Frank Wright, Assistant City Solicitor, then reviewed with the Traffic Board the opinion of the Solicitors Office. He stated that for a petition to be valid it must be signed by not less than 50 registered voters in the City of Somerville and that it was determined by the City of Somerville Election Commission that none of the three petitions met this criteria. Alderman Taylor then stated the Traffic & Parking Task Force which has been reviewing this issue may make a recommendation not to extend the hours until 10pm and if so that the Traffic Commission may then bring the issue back to the table for reconsideration. Michael Buckley then made a motion to deny taking any action on the petitions submitted and to accept the Solicitors opinion, 2nd by Peter Miller, unanimous. Alderman Taylor then asked that the petitioner be notified of this decision.

Item #2 – Appointment of third Traffic Board member

A Motion was made by Michael Buckley to appoint Jerry Carvalho, Deputy Chief of the Somerville Auxiliary Police, as the third member of the Traffic Board, 2nd by Peter Miller, unanimous

Meeting was adjourned @ 11:20am