

# ***Derby Police Commission***

**Derby, Connecticut 06418**

## Commission

Robert J. Hughes , Chairman  
Theodore J. Estwan Jr.  
Leo DiSorbo  
Terri Kuskowski, Secretary

## Traffic Authority

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Eugene L. Mascolo

A meeting of the Derby Board of Police Commissioners was held on 13 JUL 09 at the Derby Police Department, 125 Water Street, Derby.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Hughes.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners Hughes and DiSorbo and Chief Mascolo. Commissioner Estwan was absent.

## 3. Public Portion

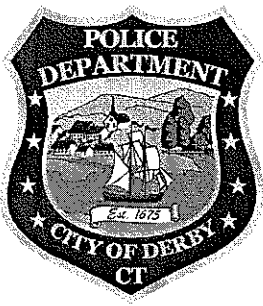
Mr. Navedo of 11 West Ninth Street discussed his request for a handicap parking spot in front of his residence for his daughter. After brief discuss with the board, it was discovered that what Mr. Navedo actually needs is a bus stop or “no parking” sign in front of his residence. His driveway cannot accommodate a handicap vehicle due to a stone wall along the driveway that would interfere with the vehicle’s drop down ramp. The handicap vehicle needs to park in front of the house in order to pick up his daughter and if there are cars parked there, his daughter is unable to get on the bus / vehicle. See item 8 for further information regarding this issue.

## 4. Deletion, correction, adoption of agenda

Commissioner Disorbo motioned to accept the agenda as posted. Commissioner Hughes seconded and the motion passed.

## 5. Acceptance of Previous Meeting’s Minutes

Acceptance of the previous month’s minutes was tabled due to the fact that Commission DiSorbo was absent from the previous meeting and could not vote on this item.



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## **6. Department Reports**

Chief Mascolo updated the commissioners on the department's patrol activity. He also reviewed the status of the police department's budget and he briefed the commissioners on this past month's department endeavors.

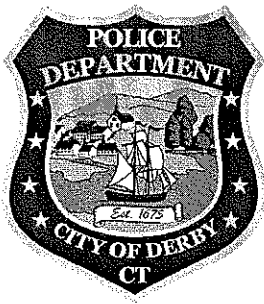
## **7. Communications**

The commissioners reviewed two thank you notes that the department received. One was from Naugatuck Valley Savings and Loan regarding the department's assistance during a recent burglary. The other was from Shelton Police Department for supporting their department during a funeral for one of their officers.

## **8. Traffic Authority Business**

The Board reviewed the LTA report from LT Todd.

- a. Handicap parking space in front of 11 West Ninth Street. LT Todd recommended denying this request for the following reasons: the grade of West Ninth Street is steep and clearly exceeds the maximum 1/50 slope allowable by state regulations and the resident has a private driveway that is much flatter than the roadway. The board is now requesting that LT Todd look into alternatives such as creating a bus stop or installing "no parking" signs in front of the residence.
- b. A request was received to evaluate E Street for a no through truck designation. Contrary to popular belief, a "through truck" is one which passes through a municipality without having an origin or destination in that municipality. Most municipal truck traffic on secondary roads is not through traffic. If a truck originates or has a scheduled stop within the municipality, it would not be affected by the no through truck provision; It is likely that the majority of truck traffic on E Street is not through truck traffic, and, therefore, would not be affected by a through truck regulation. Because actual through truck traffic passes from one municipality into another, any request for no through truck traffic must go before the State Traffic Commission who will determine if an investigation is warranted or not. If warranted, a formal traffic engineering study would be conducted before any decision is made. I do not believe that E Street is appropriate for a no through truck designation, and I recommend that the LTA deny the request.
- c. A request was received to install a stop sign on Water St. at the intersection with Caroline St. Complaints have been received about diminished line of sight in this area entering Water St. from Caroline St. The traffic division evaluated this



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intersection and found the following: this intersection would not be suitable for a two way stop. If any additional stop signs were added, it would have to become a three way stop to include southbound traffic on Water St. at Caroline St.; there is approximately a 500 foot line of site south on Water St. from the stop sign on Caroline St. if the operator moves slightly past the stop sign. With the 25 mph limit in the area, this line of site is more than sufficient; and the inconvenience caused to motorists on Caroline St. by “nosing” past the stop sign for a better line of site is minor compared to forcing all north and southbound traffic on Water St. to come to a stop at a three way intersection. Also, there have been no accidents at this intersection within the past three years. For these reasons I recommend that no additional stop signs be installed on Water St.

- d. The traffic division is working with CT DOT on a request to evaluate a left hand turn signal on Derby Ave. at Gilbert St. DOT officials stated that they have evaluated this request in the past and they have refused it. They are currently attempting to find the written report to forward it to us. I will forward that report to the LTA as soon as it is received.
- e. Affected neighbors on Paugasset Rd. have been notified of the future installation of no parking signs as approved last month. A request has been made for DPW to install the signs.
- f. DPW has removed all old signage in the W. Fourth St. resident parking area. DPW will be installing the new signage as time permits. A thirty day warning period will commence once all signage is in place.

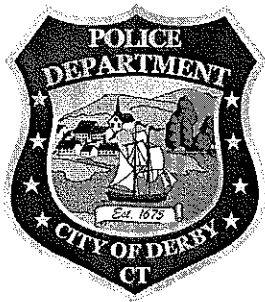
After reviewing the entire report, Commissioner Hughes motioned to accept all recommendations made by LT Todd. Commissioner DiSorbo seconded, all were in favor, and the motion passed.

## **9. Old Business**

There was no old business discussed.

## **10. New Business**

There was no new business discussed.



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## 11. Executive Session

A motion to go into executive session at 7:36 pm and have Chief Mascolo present was made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner DiSorbo, and carried unanimously. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss the following items:

- a. Contract negotiations
- b. Open grievances

The meeting adjourned thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Kuskowski

*These minutes are subject to the Board's approval at their next scheduled meeting.*