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Vernon of Traffic Authority

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**Meeting called to order: 7:00 P.M.**

***Present:*** Jon Paul Roden, Chief Kenny, Charlie Bettinger, Robert Kleinhans, Lucas Watson,

***Absent:*** Michael Desmond, Mason Thrall

***Motion to accept Minutes for the March 11, 2010 regular meeting made by Charlie Bettinger, second by Robert Kleinhans. Passed unanimously.***

**Agenda Item 2: Continuation of hearing re: no parking request for 40 Franklin Street.**

Don Ryder 40 Franklin Street appeared to speak in favor of his request for a no parking sign across from his driveway on Vassar Street.

Mr. Ryder stated that guests visiting #38 Franklin Street, a six unit apartment building park on the street across from his driveway. Due to the restricted road width these vehicles prevent him from exiting his driveway safely.

Notice was sent to the property owners on Vassar Street and #38 Franklin Street advising them of the hearing.

Discussion was held regarding displacement of problem by not posting both side of roadway, causing issues with other residences.

***Motion was made by Charlie Bettinger to post both sides of Vassar Street from Franklin Street to Strong Avenue as no parking. Second by Jon Paul Roden. Passed unanimously.***

***Agenda Item 3: Request from John Ward, Town Administrator, on behalf of the Town Council for approval of designating Maple Street as one-way between West Main Street and Union Street.***

Chief Kenny presented a plan submitted by Town Engineer, Terry McCarthy, for the proposed project. The plan called for 35 on street 45degree parking spaces. The roadway width would remain 16 feet.

Chief Kenny indicated that he had contacted the Director of the State Traffic Commission and no pre-approval was required as long as approved signage was used at the Union Street intersection.

Chief Kenny indicated that the plan had been reviewed with the Robert Kleinhans, Vernon Director of Public Works and Jeff Shembach sign foreman, and the recommended signage was written on the map. Chief Kenny recommended that the area of street opposite the on street parking be posted as "NO Parking, Tow Zone" as to prevent on street parking which would block the road.

The plan was reviewed by Chief Call, VFD and Fire Marshal Walker and they recommended that the parking spaces opposite to the rear driveway to the post office be removed to facilitate the turning radius of large fire apparatus. Director Kleinhans concurred as his maintenance vehicles would also need the extra turning room. This would leave 33 on street parking spaces.

Chief Kenny recommended that the project be delayed until summer so no conflict with the water main construction on Union Street would occur.

*Motion to accept proposed project with recommendations made by Chief Kenny, second by Robert Kleinhans. Passed Unanimously.*

### **Agenda Item 3: Review of Parking Situation at Crossroads Church, Main Street.**

Correspondence was received from Town Planner, Leonard Tundermann, regarding a potential issue with on street parking during church services. A check was made of the area on Easter Sunday, due to anticipated heavy attendance by VPD Lt. Brian Smith. No problems were noted and he did not recommend posting any no parking signs at this time.

Discussion was held and no action to be taken at this time.

Old Business: Correspondence was provided to members from David Gooch, from the Town Engineers office, regarding the missing stop sign at the Villas at Mapleview which was not installed per approval stipulations. The letter indicated that the performance bond was to be used to install the required sign.

*New Business:* Chief Kenny requested a ruling from the members as to a proposed development at 1085 Hartford Turnpike. The owner was proposing two additional apartment buildings, a club house and swimming pool to be built on the property to expand the existing apartment complex. Traffic would utilize existing roadway system. Members agreed that no review by the Traffic Authority was warranted based on the reviewed plans. Should new curb cuts be proposed then review would be necessary.

*Motion to adjourn at 7:36 made by Charlie Bettinger, second by Robert Kleinhans.  
Passed unanimously.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*James L. Kenny*

*Chairman, Vernon Traffic Authority*