

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen
Lauren Gister, First Selectman
Charlene Janecek, Selectman
Tom Englert, Selectman
Luke LaRue, Resident State Trooper
Robert Monday, Chester Officer
Craig Lee, Chester Officer
Paul DeCrosta, Chester Officer

Copies: Citation Review Board Members
Kathy Merola
Rick Schreiber
Whitey Wilson

FROM: Bettie Perreault
DATE: August 12, 2020
SUBJECT: Request to relocate traffic control signage

There have been recurring requests for review of Citations issued in connection with two locations:

- Stop sign on Straits Road at intersection with Maple Street.
- Notification sign at entrance to Parker's Point boat launch

Members of the Citation Review Board as well as applicants for review have cited the same information for each of these locations; Board members have viewed the Parker's Point location as well.

- The stop sign on Straits Road is located so a driver of a vehicle stopping at the present sign location is unable to see if there is any vehicle approaching down Maple Street toward Straits Road, requiring a secondary stop or pause to ensure there is nothing approaching.
- The sign at the entrance to Parker's Point boat launch is on the right side of the entrance to the parking area, surrounded by vegetation, and is not easily visible or noticed by drivers approaching the launch pad with their attention focused on the launch area.

Recommended remediation measures are relatively simple:

- Relocate the stop sign on Straits Road approximately 10-15 feet closer to the Deep River town line to allow approaching drivers to have visibility of traffic approaching from Maple Street.
- Provide a sign advising of the requirement for a Town of Chester permit (and other information) on the fence post abutting the launch pad and the picnic table/bench area.

Please give these recommendations consideration and advise if the two relocations can be taken care of. Your response and advice will be appreciated by both Board members and affected drivers. Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to seeing these signs relocated.

Bettie Perreault

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Citation Review Board

Minutes of Meeting of August 10, 2020

1. Call to Order

The meeting, held in the Town Office Building, was called to order at 7:08 P.M. Present were Bettie Perreault and Rick Schreiber. Audience of citizens: Abran Smith, Zachary Albert and Laurent Jacome.

2. Request to Review Citations: Bettie Perreault thanked those attending for being at the meeting, explained the review process and advised they would be notified of decisions by mail.

a. Citation #026-0103 - Abran Smith - Failure to Obey a Stop Sign - Ridge Road/Brooks Lake. Mr. Smith said that as a nearby resident with small children he was particularly aware of the need for caution and that he felt he had stopped. He also noted he was appreciative of the fact that officers are periodically taking a post in the area.

b. Citation #026-0018 - Steve Gilbert - No Parking Zone, No Sticker - Parker's Point Boat Launch. There was no one present to represent this request for review.

c. Citation #026-0119 Alan Jankowski - No Parking Zone, No Sticker - Parker's Point Boat Launch. Mr. Jankowski had notified the Town that he was unable to attend this meeting and paid the \$50 fine.

d. Citation #026-0121 - Zachary Albert - Failure to Obey a Stop Sign - Cedar Lake/David Road. Mr. Albert said he frequently travels this road and felt that he had stopped, and further said the officer advised that he had not paused at the stop sign for a sufficient length of time, resulting in the Citation.

e. Citation #026-0584 - Laurent Jacome - Failure to Obey a Stop Sign - Straits Road/Maple Street. Mr. Jacome advised he is familiar with this stop sign, that he had stopped at the sign, moving up sufficiently to see the Maple Street intersection and then proceeded. It was noted the stop sign is positioned so drivers are unable to see vehicles approaching from Maple Street without proceeding past the sign for visibility.

3. Guests

There were none present.

4. Review of and Decision on Citation Review Request

a. Citation #026-0103 - Abran Smith - Failure to Obey a Stop Sign - Ridge Road/Brooks Lake. With note that vehicles frequently do not comply with this particular stop sign, and others only slow down before proceeding, **On Motion by Rick Schreiber, seconded by Bettie Perreault, the Citation remains valid and payment of fine is due.**

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- b. Citation #026-0018 - Steve Gilbert - No Parking Zone, No Sticker - Parker's Point Boat Launch. **On Motion by Bettie Perreault, seconded by Rick Schreiber, the Citation remains valid in that no one appeared in connection with the request for review. The fine remains payable, with penalty for failure to appear in the amount of \$25, a total of \$75 due.**
 - c. Citation #026-0119 Alan Jankowski - No Parking Zone, No Sticker - Parker's Point Boat Launch. **No action was required or taken.**
 - d. Citation #026-0121 - Zachary Albert - Failure to Obey a Stop Sign - Cedar Lake/David Road. Mr. Albert acknowledged the officer issuing the Citation had made note that he had not paused for a sufficient length of time for safety at the stop sign. Inasmuch as this location is in an area frequented by local beach traffic and access to CT DEEP boat launch area and park, caution is required. **On Motion by Bettie Perreault, seconded by Rick Schreiber, the Citation remains valid and payment of fine is due.**
 - e. Citation #026-0584 - Laurent Jacome - Failure to Obey a Stop Sign - Straits Road/Maple Street. Mr. Jacome's report of stopping at the stop sign may not have been visible to the officer issuing the Citation; a subsequent pause may not have been sufficient in the officer's opinion to qualify as a full, safe stop. **On Motion by Rich Schreiber, seconded by Bettie Perreault, the Citation remains valid and payment of fine is due.**
5. Approval of Minutes - July 13, 2020
- On motion by Rick Schreiber seconded by Bettie Perreault, the minutes of July 13, 2020 as filed were approved.**
- 6. Old Business - there was none.
 - 7. New Business - there was none.
 - 8. Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Bettie Perreault
Acting as Secretary