



TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

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Minutes: The Traffic Authority, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2019 at 5:45 p.m. in room C-107, Hamden High School. The following results:

Commissioners in Attendance:

Michael Iezzi, Chair
Cherlyn Poindexter
Mitchell Strickland
Larry Esposito

Staff in attendance:

Nancy Forvil, Clerk

Others in attendance:

Chief of Police, John Cappiello
Deputy Chief of Police Bo Kicak
Sue Gruen, Town Attorney

1. Call to order/ Roll Call-

Mr. Michael Iezzi, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:45PM. A roll call was conducted by the Authority Clerk, Nancy Forvil. Michael Iezzi, Chair, Cherlyn Poindexter, Mitchell Strickland and Larry Esposito was present. Chief of Police, John Cappiello and Deputy Chief of Police Bo Kicak and Town Attorney, Sue Gruen were also present.

***Moment of Silence**

A moment of silence was conducted on the behalf of the Kathy Gempta's sudden passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathy and her family.

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of October 16, 2019-

Mitchell Strickland made a motion to approve the minutes of October 16, 2019. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Sarah Clark, 187 Haverford Street-

Would like to review the changes of the October 16th minutes as well as added comments that were related to the October 16th meeting.

Mr. Michael Iezzi, Chair- Sarah Clark was advised to scan the changes and email them to Nancy Forvil, Clerk and to the Town Attorney Sue Gruen with the suggested changes for review.

Mitchell Strickland made a motion to table meeting minutes of October 16, 2019 until they are reviewed and modified. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Frantz Douskey, 50 Ives Street- Mr. Douskey is requesting for more police presence to monitor traffic between Ives Street and New Road. There are people speeding on the road and using cell phone. Mr. Douskey believes there is an increase of accidents on Ives Street. He also recommends adding ridges (rumble strips) on the road while approaching the stop sign to remind people to slow down. He doesn't recommend straightening New Road because both sides of New Road are owned by Water Companies and people do not need to go faster on the road.

Response (Chief of Police, John Cappiello)- Chief Cappiello recommends that all traffic concerns are brought to the Traffic Authority's attention for review and determination before a traffic study is made to avoid any unnecessary expenses.

Marcia Romanansky- Ms. Romanansky recommended a LTA Change if anyone is interested in getting state or city changes on city street. The Office of the State Traffic Administration OSTA is also another resource that can also be used on getting assistance to changes on city streets.

Mr. Stone-Would like an investigation on Todd Street. Mr. Stone have been making the request for 15 months to have the street investigated and have not heard from the Traffic Authority on recommendations. He would also like an investigation on the types of traffic that is on Todd Street. Currently there are elderly and people with disability walking on Todd Street and there is a large volume of traffic on Todd Street.

Response (Chief of Police, John Cappiello)- Police Chief informed Mr. Stone that the street was investigated from the safety and traffic engineers and the recommendation were to add speed bumps. The speed bumps were added and now the department is waiting on traffic counts to see if there are any other recommendations needed.

Response (Mr. Michael Iezzi, Chair)- Informed the public that all the agenda items, minutes and correspondence will be uploaded on to the website so that residents can view all supporting materials before the meeting. There will be a cutoff date on the 20th of each month to receive and add agenda items for the following meeting.

Sarah Clark- Presented a thank you card from the residents of Haverford Street to the commission for the amelioration of the traffic on Haverford Street. The preliminary feedback from the residents on Haverford Street was that they felt much safer. Mrs. Clark would like a post installation evaluation for Haverford Street during spring 2020. Mr. Iezzi recommended following the procedures on adding that topic on the next agenda item for the next meeting.

Response (Mr. Michael Iezzi, Chair)- The Traffic Authority will create an email specifically for the Traffic Authority for residents and the public can make requests for agenda items or for questions and concerns. Residents will also be able to view agendas, minutes and any supporting documents on the website.

3. Correspondence

- a. Letter from Louis Dabbraccio, 327 Kenwood Ave, parking problem
- b. Request from Quinnipiac University for a four-way stop sign at Ives and New Road, illuminated sharp curve signs near New Road intersection and possible sightline survey or study of this roadway.
- c. Letter from Mr. John Peppin indicating his displeasure with the handling of traffic on Gaylord Mt. Road

4. Department reports

- a. Review of Department Activities

6. Old Business

- a. Request from Spring Glen School PTA, 4th Spring into Spring Glen 5k and 2.5 Mile Fitness Walk Sunday April 5, 2020 -9:00 A M to approximately 1:00 PM

Mr. Strickland made a motion to approve Spring Glen School PTA, 4th Spring into Spring Glen 5k and 2.5 Mile Fitness Walk. Mr. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- b. Rocky Top Road -Request from Brad Macdowall, Legislative Councilman, Hamden's 9th District, in an e-mail message to Chief John Cappiello, dated August 30, 2019, for a review of the actions taken by the Commissioners at the August Traffic Authority Meeting to approve the request for a I-way street on Rocky Top Road, status of recent change.

Mr. Strickland made a motion to approve the one-way street on Rocky Top Road, Mr. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Additional Motion-

Mr. Strickland made a motion to approve the one-way street direction on Rocky Top Road from Nutmeg to Shepherd; Mr. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- c. Concerns regarding Ann's Farm Road, Chris Cossaboom, 141 Ann's Farm Road, Traffic Calming and Guiderail Warrant Analysis

Mr. Strickland made a motion to table the concerns regarding Ann's Farm Road for the next meeting, to review Traffic Calming and Guiderail Warrant Analysis, Mr. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

7. New Business

- a. Review and approval of meeting schedule for 2020

Mr. Strickland made a motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2020. Mr. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- b. Letter from Courtney Zinn, 60 Orchard Heights Dr., request for Stop sign at Leonard and Gilbert Ave.

-Police Chief, John Cappiello recommended to have traffic study and review of crash data conducted before warranting stop sign at Leonard and Gilbert Ave.

Mr. Strickland made a motion to table the request for a stop sign at Leonard and Gilbert Ave. until the next meeting, Mr. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

7. New Business (continued)

c. Request from James Norfleet, 39 Gorham Ave. 1st Fl. Mr. Strickland made a motion to table the request for a stop sign at Leonard and Gilbert Ave. until the next meeting, Mr. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

-Police Chief, John Cappiello recommended the installation of the Handicapped parking sign for Mr. James Norfleet. Mr. Norfleet had met of the requirements.

Mr. Strickland made a motion to approve the Handicapped parking sign for Mr. James Norfleet, Mr. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

d. Chesire Half Marathon- Extra Duty Services

Mr. Strickland made a motion to approve the Chesire Half Marathon; Mr. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

e. Request to use School Street for a Quinnipiac University senior film capstone

Mr. Strickland made a motion to approve the request to use School Street for a Quinnipiac University senior film capstone, based upon further conversation with the Chief of Police regarding safety and his approval. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

f. Request to have Public comments on agenda action items only

Mr. Strickland made a motion to entertain to add to the agenda with a 2/3 vote, the request to have public comments on old and new business agenda action items only. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Public Comment-

Q.- Would like to understand the how to get an item on the agenda?

A.- Write a letter or request to be added to the next meeting's agenda. The letter or request can be mail or emailed to the Traffic Authority.

Hamden Police Department

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And or emailed at hta@hamden.com

Additional motion-

Mr. Strickland made a motion to approve the request to have public comments on old and new business agenda action items only agenda action items only. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Strickland made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

Submitted by: _____

Nancy Forvil, Clerk