

HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
MAY 11, 2011

Attending: Raeann Curtis, Reginald Higgins, Michael Iezzi, Judi Kozak, Gerald Migliaro Police Chief Wydra, Town Attorney Gruen

Absent: Deputy Chief Cappiello

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Kozak called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., with Mr. Migliaro arriving at 7:22 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Kozak entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 11th, 2011. Mr. Iezzi motioned to approve the minutes of the meetings, seconded by Ms. Curtis. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Department Report

- a. Review of department activity – Chie Wydra advised the Commission that they were very busy due to the weather conditions and that they had to hire an outside vendor to do the work because the department is not fully manned! He doesn't know yet what the cost is!
- b. Items of concern – none at this time.
- c. Review of site plans – The Commission was provided with a copy of a letter regarding the “Replacement of the Fueling Station and Pumps” at the Public Works Department. Mr. Robert Brinton, Town Engineer was present to review the letter explaining the reason and procedures to take place. The Commission is pleased that this was brought to their attention but the Commission has nothing to add as this is not a road closure or any other type of traffic item they have to make a decision on. Ms. Curtis motioned for the Public Works to go forward with the plan, seconded by Mr. Iezzi. *The motion passes unanimously.*
- d. Correspondence – Chairman Kozak read aloud the letters pertaining to the items on the agenda under Old and New Business. They are covered below.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Javier Ferro, 30 Oak Ridge Dr. – Mr. Ferro was present at the May 11, 2011 meeting requesting a “Stop” sign on Hamden Hills Drive and Glen Ridge Road. He is hoping he Commission will support his request. This item is going to be discussed under Old Business.

Mr. Fred McCarthy, 422 W. Todd St. – Mr. McCarthy spoke in support of the “Stop” sign request by Ms. Hudson proposed at the May 11, 2011 meeting. He noted that the vehicles travel at 60 – 70 miles per hour and how dangerous the road is. He is hoping the Commission will support the request made by Ms. Hudson and the residents of the area.

Ms. Meghan Hudson, 465 West Todd St., addressed the Commission again with her concerns. She also read a letter from Mary and Leonard Grabowski of 370 West Todd

St., noting their concerns. Ms. Hudson went on to describe an incident when she was younger and was hit by a vehicle in front of her parents home. She doesn't want to see an incident more serious than when she was injured and is hoping the Commission will support her request and that of the residents of the area.

Mrs. Dorothy Cavanaugh, 475 W. Todd St. – Mrs. Cavanaugh spoke also of the speeding on the road and would like the Commission to support the request for the “Stop” sign(s) request.

New Business

- a. Request “No Parking” sign 284 Helen St. – This item was mentioned at the end of the March 2011 meeting and Chairman Kozak advised the individual to submit a written request for the April 2011 meeting. This written request was not received for the May 2011 meeting or the June 16, 2011. Chairman Kozak entertained a motioned to table this for the September 14, 2011 meeting. Ms. Curtis motioned to table this item for the September 14, 2011 meeting, seconded by Mr. Higgins. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- b. Request for “Stop” sign Hamden Hills Dr. & Glen Ridge Road – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that there is a sign presently there but that it is faded. The sight problem may be from the fence on the property is 17 ft. back and it should be 20 ft. back. He noted that it doesn't sound like a lot but at an intersection it does create a problem. He noted that Hamden Hills Drive is a collection road (other streets feed into it) and that trimming of some trees and bushes and checking further into the fence may clear up the situation. He will bring more information to the September 14, 2011 meeting.
- c. Request for “Stop” sign on West Todd St. & Busher Lane or Joyce Lane – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that the records indicate there were three accidents on the road in a 12 month period. Two of them were incidents where deer were hit and the third was a one car accident that hit a parked car in which the driver stated they took their eyes off the road for a second. Chief Wydra recommended more enforcement, additional speed signs and narrowing the lanes with painting lines, thus keeping the traffic within the parameters set by the shoulder and center lane lines. Mr. Iezzi agrees with the recommendations of the Police Chief and suggests to the Commission that the Chief be allowed to go with his recommendations. Mr. Migliaro motioned to approve the recommendations of the Police Chief, more enforcement, additional speed signs and painting of the roadway, seconded by Mr. Iezzi. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

New Business

- a. Road closure and detour for Brooksvale Ave. Bridge replacement – A representative of BL Companies addressed the Commission explaining the work to be done on the bridge, some of the materials that will be used and the length of the project. He indicated what roads would have to be closed and the detour pattern. Chairman Kozak inquired if the project will be completed in the time stated and he said yes. Mr. Iezzi motioned to approve the project, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

- b. Road Closure and detour for Todd St. Bridge Deck - Mr. Brinton, Town Engineer addressed this item. He noted this project should not conflict with the Brooksvale Ave. Bridge project. He was asked if a traffic study was done and stated that it had not. He noted that the bridge is too narrow to close one side and allow traffic to pass on the other while the project is being done. This project will be done after the alignment of West Woods Rd. and Mt. Carmel Ave. is completed. Mr. Migliaro motioned to approve the project with the understanding that the project will not be started until after the alignment project is complete, seconded by Mr. Higgins. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Open Discussion – Commissioners/Department Heads

A brief discussion ensued regarding the request for “Site Plans” over the last six years. This request was made to the new Planning and Zoning Director and the previous director. A recent adoption of a road was discussed in that the Legislative Council approved a road with no information from the Traffic Authority and his should not have been the case. Chairman Kozak will send yet another letter to the Planning and Zoning Director to reiterate the concerns of the Commission regarding this matter. Chairman Kozak noted that the meeting date change will be discussed at the end of the Police Commission meeting.

Adjournment

At 8:06 p.m. Mr. Iezzi motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Curtis. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

The next meeting will be Wednesday September 14th, 2011 in the Activity Room, Miller Library Complex 7:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk