

HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
OCTOBER 9, 2013

Attending: Raeann Curtis, Michael Iezzi by phone, Robert LaTorraca, Mitchell Strickland, Police Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello, Town Attorney Sue Gruen

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman LaTorraca entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 11, 2013. Ms. Curtis motioned to approve the minutes of September 11, 2013, seconded by Mr. Strickland. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Ralph Nicefaro, 111 Treadwell St. – Mr. Nicefaro would like to thank Chief Wydra for coming door to door to inquire of them if the work just completed in the area was working for them and did they have any questions.

Department Report

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra reported that the work on Brookside Dr. is complete and that the resident called to say thank you. The traffic light on Dixewell and Whitney Aves. Needed repair and some modification for the realignment and the light is on a list to be replaced. Treadwell St. is partly completed the Chief would like this item to be added to new business.
- b. Review of Site Plans – none at this time.
- c. Correspondence – in packet.

Old Business

- a. Request for Walk/Don't Walk traffic signs Ridge Road and Hartford Turnpike – Chief Wydra would like the Commission to please table this for the November meeting. Ms. Curtis motioned to table this item, seconded by Mr. Strickland. *The motion carried unanimously.*
- b. Request for Crosswalk and signs Furman Road and Thomas Street – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that he visited the site and that there are no handicapped ramps to support painting. He would like the Commission to send a letter to the Town Engineer for his review and a report. Chief Wydra offered to send the letter for the Commission. Ms. Curtis motioned to authorize Chief Wydra to send a letter to the Town Engineer on behalf of the Commission and that the cost of the project be delicately address, seconded by Mr. Strickland. *The motion carried unanimously.*
- c. Request for Crosswalk Painted at Mather and Servoss - Chief Wydra advised the Commission that this is the same situation as item b above. The Chief was advised by the Town Engineer that this is on their list of projects. Ms. Curtis motioned to authorize Chief Wydra to send a letter on behalf of the

Commission for a review and report, seconded by Mr. Strickland. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

- d. Request for help with speeding traffic on Shelton Ave. – report from Chief Wydra – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that new “Stop” signs will be installed with stripes and speed hump will be done in the near future. No further action is needed.

New Business

- a. Speeding on Thomas Street and Victoria Court - Chief Wydra would like to collect data and bring the information to the November 13th meeting. Ms. Curtis motioned to table this item and combine it with item b under Old Business, seconded by Mr. Strickland. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- b. Rocky Top request for “One Way” traffic from Nutmeg Hill west to Shepard Ave. – Chief Wydra had a conversation with Craig Cesare, Director of Public Works regarding the road and both agree this needs to be done. Ms. Curtis agrees with the suggestion. A majority of the residents are in agreement also. The width of the road varies which creates a concern. Mr. Strickland motioned as requested by Chief Wydra that the section of the road from Nutmeg Hill to Shepard Ave. be made “One Way” with the necessary signage. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Chief Wydra requested Treadwell St. be added to the agenda. Ms. Curtis motioned to add Treadwell St., Di Nicola Park to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Strickland. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

- c. Treadwell St. Di Nicola Park project – On October 25, 2012 the Commission voted to approve the project to help speeding on Treadwell St. The project has started and speed bumps were installed on each side of the street and the residents were advised that “No Parking” would now be on the residential side of the street. The residents have opposed this and the Chief is requesting a modification to the original plan. Upon visiting the site the Chief witnessed vehicles going around the speed bump which is causing them to go to the other side of the road and he would like to put the speed bump across the entire roadway. He would like to remove the “No Parking” that was going to happen, move the white line to allow for parking. Mr. Strickland motioned to approve the modifications as equated by Chief Wydra, seconded by Ms. Curtis. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

At the September 11, 2013 meeting a resident Mr. Emory requested the intersection of Dixwell Ave. and Shepard Ave. be reviewed for a dedicated crosswalk. Chief Wydra would like the Commission to please add this item to the agenda. Ms. Curtis motioned to add the item to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Strickland. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

- d. Dixwell Ave. and Shepard Ave. – Chief Wydra explained that Mr. Emory has requested this over the years and appeared at the September meeting requesting a dedicated crosswalk be added to this intersection. At the time

this item was not on the agenda and Chief Wydra advised the Commission he would view the site. This is an intersection that is very heavily traveled and would require handicapped ramps installed (Mr. Emory uses a motorized scooter) and involving a State road. Chief Wydra noted that the number of pedestrians using the intersection doesn't warrant the request, but that the Commission send a request to the State of CT DOT for permission to possibly do the project after the review by the Town Engineer and also to see if there are funds to do a project such as this. Ms. Curtis motioned that the Police Department take a pedestrian count at Dixwell Ave. and Shepard Ave. area over a period of time and report back to the Commission with the findings for any possible actions to be taken, seconded by Mr. Strickland. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Adjournment

At 6:35 p.m. Mr. Strickland motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Curtis. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

The next meeting will be Wednesday November, 13, 2013 in the Activity Room at the Miller Library Complex 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk