

HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

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Wednesday, November 12, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of October 8, 2014
3. Public comments on agenda items
4. Department report
 - a. Review of department activity
 - b. Review of site plans
 - c. Correspondence
5. Old Business
 - a. Rocky Top Road continued from October 8, 2014
 - b. West Woods Road continued from October 8, 2014 meeting
 - c. Woodin St. – comments only
6. New Business
 - a. High speed problem on Eleanor St. letter from Shawn Persinger
 - b. Request for road closure for remediation and renovation Rochford Field
8. Adjournment

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HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
OCTOBER 8, 2014

Attending: Raeann Curtis, Michael Iezzi, Robert LaTorraca, Betty Murray, Mitchell Strickland, Police Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello,

Absent: Town Attorney Sue Gruen

Call to Order

Chairman Iezzi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Iezzi entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 10, 2014 and September 16, 2014. Mr. LaTorraca motioned to approve the minutes of September 10, 2014 and September 16, 2014 seconded by Ms. Curtis. *The motion carried unanimously.*

At this time Chairman Iezzi motioned to add the following items to the agenda;
Item b – Woodin St. neighborhood – Ms. Murray motioned to add this item, seconded by Ms. Curtis. *The motion carried unanimously.*
Item c – Cheshire ½ Marathon and/or Canal Line – Ms. Curtis motioned to add this item, seconded by Mr. Strickland. *The motion carried unanimously.*
Item d – Spring into Spring Glen 5K Road Race – Mr. Strickland motioned to add this item, seconded by Ms. Murray. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Teresa Charron, 215 West Woods Road – Ms. Charron gave a brief summary regarding her letter of September 28, 2014 and the problems with the curve of the road in the immediate vicinity of her home. Vehicles traveling in the opposite direction can't see vehicles coming from the other direction. Also the neighbor has to cross the street to get her mail and at times has had to put her hands up to stop the oncoming cars in order to cross. The children exiting the school bus must also cross the street and due to the curve of the road vehicles don't always see the school bus and her concern is that someone may get hit.

Ms. Sherri Roberts, 110 Twin Brook Road. - Ms. Roberts inquired if Chairman Iezzi had received the petition she submitted to Kim Renta. This petition was sent to the clerk by email and the original copy delivered to Mr. Iezzi at his home. The clerk did have a copy for the Commission for review. Mr. Iezzi stated the petition will be reviewed and that he expected to have a special meeting after the first of the year with further information, discussion and recommendations.

Ms. Diane Hoffman, 190 Wilmot Rd. - Ms. Hoffman is looking for help with signage at Wilmot and Overlook. She provided a rough drawing of what she would like to see. She would like the Chief to visit the site and hopefully have a solution for the intersection.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that they have received four new speed compliance monitors which brings their total to six. They will be placing one at Haverford and Ridge and one on upper Whitney. The others will be placed in areas residents have requested and those that the department feels need monitoring at this time.
- b. Site Plans – Chief Wydra reported that at this time there are no site plans that the Commission needs to have input on.
- c. Correspondence – none at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Rocky Top Road continued from September 10, 2014 – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that he wasn't able to meet with Mr. Lyon but will soon. A brief discussion ensued regarding Stop signs and the Chief will come back to the Commission in November with information for discussion and decision. Ms. Curtis motioned to table this item for the November 12, 2014 meeting, seconded by Mr. Strickland. *The motion carried unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Letter regarding traffic on West Woods Road from Teresa Charron – Chief Wydra will go do a site visit to review the situation. He will collect all information available and do monitoring and enforcement. Ms. Curtis noted that she is aware of this area and it is a problem area. Ms. Murray motioned to table this item for the November 12, 2014 meeting, seconded by Mr. Strickland. *The motion carried unanimously.*
- b. Woodin St. Neighborhood – Ms. Sherri Robert, 110 Twin Brook Rd. asked if there was an increase in criminal activity in the area. Chief Wydra is unaware of any increase. There have been home invasions in the Westside Drive area but he noted that all of Hamden has been affected. Chief Wydra would need specific time frames, locations and other information to provide a comprehensive report. He will have a review of the records for the area looked at. Ms. Roberts stated she submitted a Help Desk request but has not had a response. Chief Wydra stated that the request would have been forwarded on to him and he will check to see if he in fact did receive it. Ms. Christine Burton 36 Thorp Dr. is concerned about the speeding in the area and also some flooding that occurred. She is concerned about the children at the bus stop and Chief Wydra asked that she give him time to check the speed with monitoring and he will come back with recommendations to help remedy the problem. Ms. Roberts, 110 Twin Brook Rd. inquired about traffic cameras and Chief Wydra advised the Commission that the cameras are on School

buses but that this has come before the State and he advocates for it but it has not got the support it needs to become law.

- c. Cheshire ½ Marathon aka/Canal Line – Mr. Bysiewicz presented a map of the route the race will take. Chief Wydra pointed out to Mr. Bysiewicz that the race crosses over into New Haven. Mr. Bysiewicz didn't realize this and will review the course and check with New Haven about his responsibilities with them. Ms. Curtis motioned to approve the Cheshire ½ Marathon aka/Canal Line as presented on the condition that Mr. Bysiewicz meet with Chief Wydra to discuss the proposed race to be held in April 2015 and that Chief Wydra come back to the Commission for approval, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. *The motion carried unanimously.*
- d. Spring into Spring Glen 5K Road Race – Mr. Mark Goldberg presented information on the race to be held April 19, 2015. Mr. Goldberg thanked the principal of Spring Glen School Mr. Howard Hornreich for his support. Mr. LaTorraca motioned to approve the Spring into Spring Glen 5K Road Race to be held on April 19, 2015 on the condition Mr. Goldberg has meet with Chief Wydra and all the necessary arrangements involving the Police Dept. have been made, seconded by Ms. Murray. *The motion carried unanimously.*

ADJOURNMENT

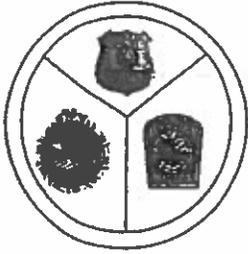
At 6:39 p.m. Mr. Strickland motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Murray. *The motion carried unanimously.*

The next meeting will be Wednesday November 12, 2014 in the Activity Room at the Miller Library Complex 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka

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Commission Clerk



Thomas J. Wydra
Chief of Police

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October 30, 2014

Shawn Persinger
Residents of Eleanor Street
18 Eleanor Street
Hamden Ct 06514

Dear Mr. Persinger and Residents of Eleanor Street:

I received your letter in which you and residents of Eleanor Street request that safety measures be taken to reduce the high traffic on your street.

The authority to approve those safety measures in the letter rests with the Hamden Traffic Authority. I will forward a copy of your letter and request to the clerk of the Traffic Authority, with this letter serving as a formal request that it be added as an item to be placed on the agenda for consideration.

The next scheduled meeting of the Hamden Traffic Authority is November 12, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Miller Library activity room. I recommend that you attend so that you may engage in the government process firsthand.

Please feel free to contact me in the future if I can provide you with any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Wydra
Chief of Police

/sa

CC: Hamden Traffic Authority

Shawn Persinger,
On behalf of the residents of Eleanor Street, Hamden, CT
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Hamden Board of Traffic Authority
Hamden Police Station, 2900 Dixwell Ave., Hamden, CT 06518

Ref.: Traffic on Eleanor Street, Hamden, CT.

To Whom It May Concern,

We, the residents of Eleanor Street in Hamden, CT *, respectfully request action to be taken to reduce the high traffic speed on our street.

It is difficult to pull into and out of our driveways or simply check our mailboxes due to the high speed of drivers and unmarked "blind driveways." It is also unsafe for children playing in the neighborhood.

We would like to suggest one or several of the following possibilities as safety measures:

- Repaint the double yellow line down the middle of the road.
- Add a painted "SLOW" marker on the street.
- Add a painted "STOP" marker at the intersection of Eleanor Street and Cherry Hill Road.
- Add a new speed limit sign, current sign is hidden behind trees.
- Add a "hidden driveway" sign.
- Add a "Slow, Children" sign.
- Add a crosswalk at the intersection of Eleanor Street and Cherry Hill Road.
- Add an electronic, "Your speed..." speed limit indicator.
- Add a speed bump.
- Turn Eleanor Street into a one-way street.

Many of our suggestions are similar to actions that were recently taken at the intersection of Thornton Street and Wakefield Street in the Spring Glen neighborhood.

We would also like to request that a "No Dumping" sign be erected, as there is an inordinate amount of garbage being dumped at the curve that connects Eleanor Street to Vantage Road.

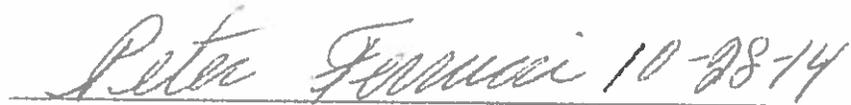
We respectfully request that you review and consider our suggestions, especially in light of the fact that this petition is supported by all of the residents on Eleanor Street.

Sincerely, * All of the citizens who reside on Eleanor St. in Hamden, CT.

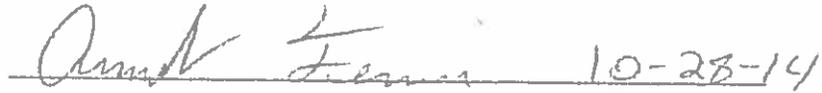
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Peter Ferrucci
23 Eleanor St.

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Armando Ferrucci
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Toni-Anne Williams
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Justin Williams
12 Eleanor St.

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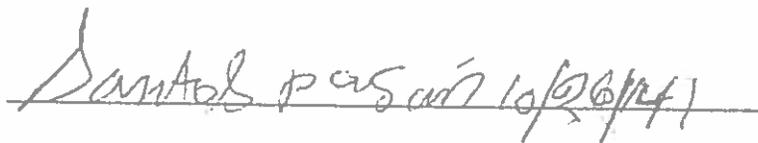
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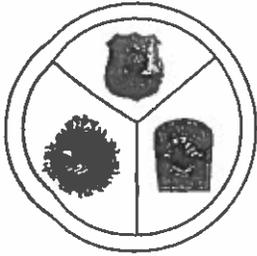
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Bob von Allmen
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Santos Pagan
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October 30, 2014

Dale Kroop
Director
Economic and Community Development
Town of Hamden
Hamden, CT

Dear Mr. Kroop:

I received your electronic memo, in which you outline a request to close-off a street for the remediation and restoration of Rochford Field and Villano (Milrock) Park in the Town of Hamden.

The authority to approve street closures rests with the Hamden Traffic Authority. I will forward a copy of your memo and request to the clerk of the Traffic Authority, with this letter serving as a formal request that it be added as an item to be placed on the agenda for consideration.

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Please feel free to contact me in the future if I can provide you with any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Wydra
Chief of Police

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**TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT 06518
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

Dale Kroop: Director

Date: 10/27/14

To: Chief Tom Wydra

Re: Proposed Closure of Winchester Avenue

Chief Wydra,

As you know we are soon opening bids for the remediation and restoration of Rochford Field and Villano (Milrock) Park. In addition to the logistics of the two projects happening at once, we are taking all precautions to insure public safety, while at the same time work within the budget we have.

We anticipate officially beginning construction around 11/17/14 and run for roughly one year. The remediation plan (approved by CT DEEP) includes a considerable amount of soil movement between the two parks. In order to insure that the residents of the neighborhood are not disturbed (to the extent possible), CT Transit will re-route the bus traffic till 6/30/15. We request that Town shut down Winchester Avenue between Milrock Road and the corner of Bryden Terrace and Newbury Street until 6/30/15. The idea is that by closing off the road (there are no houses on that road), we can move material back and forth without disturbing neighbors who live around the park and that no dirt will be left on the road where pedestrians would drive. We would put the construction trailer directly on Winchester Avenue for logistical reasons.

The contractor will be required to secure the site perimeter with temporary construction fence, which would cross the closed Winchester Street. Specific requirements or recommendations by the Town or police can be provided to the contractor to ensure conformance with those requirements and recommendations.

We are asking that the road be closed until 6/30/15 and that the Traffic Commission take this under consideration at their 11/12/14 meeting. I will be there as well as well as one of the engineers for the project.

Thank you

Dale