

**TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT  
TRAFFIC AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, March 13, 2023**

Hamden Government Center  
2750 Dixwell Avenue  
Hamden, Connecticut 06518

Minutes: The Traffic Authority, Town of Hamden, held a regular meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm via Zoom.

**Meeting recording below:**

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*Commissioners in Attendance:*

Chairwoman, Rhonda Caldwell  
Commissioner, Elaine Dove  
Commissioner, Daniel Dunn  
Commissioner, Frank Ladore

*Staff in attendance:*

Stephen White, LTA  
Nancy Forvil, Clerk

*Community in attendance:*

Sarah Clark  
Dan Garrett  
Sarah Northrop  
Cindy Civitello  
Evelyn Cumberbatch  
Karlen Meinsen  
Danielle, JB Sports  
Debbie Amaya

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Commissioner Daniel Dunn called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. A roll call was conducted by the Commission Clerk, Nancy Forvil. Commissioners, Elaine Dove and Frank Ladore were present. Stephen White, Town Engineer, LTA was also present.**

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2022.**

**Commissioner, Frank Ladore made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2023. Commissioner, Daniel Dunn seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS ONLY**

- 1) Cindy Civitello
- 2) Evelyn Cumberbatch
- 3) Karlen Meinsen

**4. CORRESPONDENCES**

- a. 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Hamden Hills Half Marathon & 5K on 5/25/2023.
- b. Clinton Tebbetts race is actually on 05/27/2023
- c. Tiffanie Perotti-Student Safety on Dixwell Avenue– Hamden High School PTA

**5. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)**

- a) Complete Streets Policy update. **(All public input will need to be received by April 1, 2023 to be considered in the Complete Streets Policy.)**

**Commissioner, Elaine Dove made a motion to approve the Complete Streets Policy. Commissioner, Frank Ladore seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

- b) Chesire Half Marathon (April 23, 2023) – Supporting documentation: map of race, road closure, and request.

**Commissioner, Elaine Dove made a motion to approve the Chesire Half Marathon (April 23, 2023). Commissioner, Frank Ladore seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)**

- c) Kyle Stone is requesting the Town to enforce the weight restriction on Todd Street. Large trucks over 14,000 lbs are travelling along Todd Street and it feels unsafe. – Correspondence is attached.

**Commissioner, Frank Ladore made a motion to table the request for the Town to enforce the weight restriction on Todd Street. Commissioner, Daniel Dunn seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

- d) Informational Item – Memorial Day Parade planning is underway, and the Town has requested road closure from the state.

**Commissioner, Frank Ladore made a motion to table the request for the Town to enforce the weight restriction on Todd Street. Commissioner, Daniel Dunn seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

**6. DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- a) 16 2nd St handicap parking sign, approved and installed.
- b) 5 pole transfers for UI complete.
- c) Established Road Closure for Stanley Road Culvert Replacement Project. (The Town is using this closure to test a Waze partnership to begin reporting major temporary road closures due to events (construction, parades, block parties, etc.) <https://www.hamden.com/259/Traffic-Department>)
- d) The Traffic Authority is inviting Chief Wydra to speak on plans to address the Hamden High School Traffic Enforcement Plan in the April 2023 Traffic Authority meeting.

**7. OLD BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)**

The Traffic Authority has tabled all Traffic Calming and Speed Hump requests until there is an approved Traffic Calming Policy and complete streets draft.
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- a) Chris Bresky at 44 Greenway Street- Requesting the Town evaluate the intersection of Elgin and Greenway to increase pedestrian safety.

**7. OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED (ACTION ITEMS)**

- b) Councilwoman Sarah Gallagher- Request for stop sign placement at Park Ave and Gordon intersection. Constituent requesting a four way stop sign at intersection. Motorist are traveling too fast at intersection and running the stop sign on Park Avenue. (Tabled 12/12/22)
- c) Rochford Avenue- Speed hump requested; see correspondence for detail. At this time speed hump requests have been paused. This pause is temporary and is to allow the Town time to draft a Complete Streets Policy and process for requesting traffic calming in communities.
- d) Christine Melchinger, 140 Ardmore Street- Requesting traffic calming from Elgin Street, Greenway to Ardmore Street. Motorist are ignoring the speed limit and do not stop at Bedford stop sign.
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- g) Paul Eigenberger- Requesting traffic calming from Elgin Street, Greenway to Ardmore Street. Motorist are ignoring the speed limit and do not stop at Bedford stop sign.
- h) Yvonne Jones, 42 Rochford Avenue and Residents of Rochford Avenue- Requesting speed hump on Rochford Avenue due to excessive speeding. (Speed hump request and petition also attached to backup) (Tabled on October 17, 2022 TA Meeting)
- i) Cindy Civitello, 61 Berkeley Court- Requesting follow up on the approved request for an installation of a left-hand turn signal at the intersection of Sherman Avenue and Shepard Avenue. (Tabled on October 17, 2022 TA Meeting)
- j) LTA, Stephen White requesting approval from the Traffic Authority to submit congressional funding from Senator Chris Murphy and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro to support the Commercial Corridor Pedestrian Improvement Project.
- k) Helen Ward, 51 Caroline Street-Requesting that the Town applies to the CTDOT to redesign lower Whitney Avenue, Dixwell Avenue and State Street to make them safer and more pedestrian and bike friendly. (Tabled on October 17, 2022 TA Meeting.)

**OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED (ACTION ITEMS)**

- l) Janet Adami, 30 Manor Street, (Lynn Fontes, 172 Mather St), (Sue Colasanto, 164 Mather Street), (Mary Ann Alberino, 168 Mather Street), (Chris Wuerth, 166 Mather Street, (Diane Wuerth, 166 Mather Street) (Tabled at 9/12/2022 TA meeting) Requesting stop sign installation at Mather Street and Martin Terrace, with warning of stop sign ahead prior to arriving at stop sign.
- m) George Longyear and Hamden Traffic Authority Committee- Requesting to add a left-hand turn signal at the intersection of Shepard Avenue and Sherman Avenue. – Request was previously approved however postponed due to funding.
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**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner, Frank Ladore made a motion to adjourn the Traffic Authority meeting at 6:25 PM. Commissioner, Elaine Dove seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

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- a) Pedestrian Signal at Route 40 and Whitney – Complete demolished by traffic incident. Traffic Department replaced and is working with Town Attorney to get reimbursement from the responsible party.
- b) School Zone sign damaged at 1564 Whitney – Sign recoverable. Flashing lights and hardware destroyed. Working on claims paperwork.
- c) Sherman and Whitney – Traffic incident significantly damaged guardrail. Traffic cabinet was minorly damaged. Working on claims paperwork.
- d) 4 Panels smashed out at Dixwell Ave and Arch St. – replacement parts ordered.

10 Signal Failures

- i. 2 Significant Failures at
  - ii. Putnam, Circular, and Dixwell Intersection – Electrical issue with aged equipment.
  - iii. Whitney and Mather – Detection issues.
- e) CBYD mark out requests – Average over 100 a month.
- f) Installed no parking during school hours signs at St. Ritas
- g) Installed no parking signs at Ridgehill School.
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Senator Chris Murphy  
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120 Huyshope Avenue, Suite 401  
Hartford, CT 06103

Chairwoman Rhonda Caldwell  
Hamden Traffic Authority  
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