

The following comment were received after the meeting via email between 7/1/2021 and 7/4/2021. Email addresses and phone numbers (when provided) have been redacted for privacy. Dates and times are email receipt by the Town.

**7/1/2021 10:15 a.m.**

Good morning Mr. Austin

One more thing really bothers me about this sidewalk. Not only is it an unnecessary and unwanted sidewalk but it is going to be 5 feet wide!!!! No other residential area has a sidewalk that wide. Not Spring Glen or down around Dunbar Hill School so why would you devalue our properties with a 5 foot wide sidewalk? If those are wide enough for use then why the industrial size in our neighborhood? This is going to be VERY UNATTRACTIVE. My front path to the street is only 30" wide and this one is going to be twice as wide gong across.

I also don't appreciate the high taxes and then some of us (elderly and disabled) will now need to pay to have walks cleared in winter. Very unfair.

Please advise if at least the width is negotiable. I don't think you would want this walk across your front yard.

It's one thing if people are asking for this, but they are not. An outdated 10 year old study is just that.....outdated. Best thing for this neighborhood would be for you to find another street to visually destroy. Bet the mayor doesn't have a 5 foot walk in front!!!

Lori Smith

186 Benham St

**7/1/2021 11:13 a.m.**

Hello Mr. Austin,

We live at 83 Rogers Rd. and are very happy to hear that the town is planning a sidewalk on Davis! We have a 4 year old that we are planning to send to Ridge Hill Elementary in fall 2022 and would love for her to have the opportunity to walk/ride her bike to school. While we don't personally have any major concerns about which side of the street the sidewalk ends up on since our property will not be affected, we do have some questions about why our neighborhood is not actually provided safe access to the sidewalk, with the exception of the planned pedestrian crosswalk at the Farnam Street park entrance. This may have been addressed in the meeting last night (we attended for a short time, but had to leave), but I'm curious as to why there are no planned crosswalks/pedestrian crossing lights at either of the two "major" intersections to connect the neighborhood on the south side of Davis to the sidewalk planned for the north side. While I appreciate the pedestrian crosswalk at the park entrance, it would make sense to also provide crosswalks/pedestrian crossing lights at both New Hartford Tpke and Ridge Rd. I know you're still in the planning stages, so I'm curious if this had been/will be considered.

Thank you again for addressing the pedestrian and bicycle safety on Davis (and other streets in Hamden)! This will definitely improve our quality of life!

Heather Milligan-Day

**7/1/2021 6:27 p.m.**

Hello,

While I can understand that making sidewalks on Benham Street seems like a great idea for certain people it is unfortunately going to be a disaster for tax-paying folks and people who live in the neighborhood like myself. It is a very beautiful area that is actually better left with grass and trees. You've already been dealing with increased crime and terrible press and the last thing taxpayers need is to fund something that's not wanted in their neighborhood. There's very few benefits left in Hamden please consider the request of those living here.

Thanks,

Name withheld on request

**7/2/2021 9:08 a.m.**

I live on Treadwell. I listened to the discussion last night but the only thing I heard was about a walkway at the Leeder Hill intersection. There was also something about a park between Treadwell and Putnam but no discussion. I thought you would talk about the bridge since it seems like that needs replacing too. Last year the entire street was surveyed. Are you going to do something with the rest of Treadwell?

Also, are you going to do anything with that long concrete structure that runs along Leeder. I was told it was a gun testing range. Thank you.

Bill Passage, 290 Treadwell

**Response: 7/6/2021 10:00 a.m.**

Good morning Mr. Passage,

Thank you for taking the time to respond.

The plan for Treadwell is to install a sidewalk on the north side of the road from the existing sidewalks on Martin Terrace to Manila Avenue. A pedestrian bridge will be necessary at the waterbody crossing.

There is some discussion about making the property north of Putnam and south of Treadwell a park. This is in very preliminary stages right now.

We are not looking to replace the bridge at this time.

I am not familiar with a concrete structure along Leeder Hill Drive.

We greatly appreciate you taking the time to ask.

Mark Austin

7/2/2021 10:44 a.m.

John & Bridget Costanzo  
260 Benham St.

Good Morning Mark,

As regards to the sidewalks on our property, we are Against it...Sacred Heart is against it, what about Cherry Hill Rd..nothing is said about their road having sidewalks, & for that matter , Vantage Rd..Taxes are high enough in this town, & forcing people to move out.. We are retired & on a fixed income...Instead of sidewalks, why isn't the town fixing the roads, they are in terrible condition in this area....Maybe the Mayor should take a lesson from North Haven, beautifully run. They take care of their taxpayers!

7/3/2021 5:55 a.m.

Dear Mr. Austin: I missed this Walkable Sidewalks meeting but was interested in listening to the recording. It doesn't appear to be accessible on the Town website. Am I missing a link?

Thank you.

Paula Green

Hamden, CT

Response: 7/6/2021 10:42 a.m.

Good morning,

Thank you for asking. We did not receive a copy of the recording until after close of business on Thursday and were not able to post it until this morning, 7/6/2021.

You can find the recording on the right hand Files and Reports area of the following link

<https://www.hamden.com/769/Walkable-Sidewalks-Project-CTDOT-61-153>

Thank you again for your interest.

Mark

Prof. Mark Austin, PE, PWE, FNSPE

Town Engineer

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7/3/2021 11:17 a.m.

I don't agree with the sidewalk going in front of my house ,I own 250 Benham street my name is Jose Magana ,use other side off street on sacred heart they don't use it and don't pay taxes.

7/4/2021 7:28 p.m.

Dear Mr. Austin,

Hello. I hope you are well. I was not able to listen to the entire Walkable Sidewalks Zoom meeting last week. I understand the meeting was recorded, and I wonder if you could send me a link to the recording and also the password. Thanks very much!

Best wishes,

Sarah Clark

Response 7/6/2021 10:52 a.m.

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