TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT
TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

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Agenda: The Traffic Authority, Town of Hamden, will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting (Web link below)

https://zoom.us/j/95876604197?pwd=Z1VxVEhxcUU3VUV2NnJQRnVtZG5BZz09
Password: 958938

All public comments regarding action items only may be emailed to the Traffic Authority email at hta@hamden.com

The following topics will be discussed:

1. Call to order/Roll Call

2. Acceptance of the minutes of meeting March 9, 2020

3. Public comments on agenda action items only

4. Correspondence
   a) Concerns regarding stop sign between Central Avenue and Weaton intersection
   b) Request from Judith L. Davis, 38 North Street, 1st Fl. Hamden, CT 06514 for handicapped parking space
   c) Concerns regarding traffic calming on Arents & Battis Roads, Christine Ferrucci, 74 Arcadia Avenue.

5. Department reports
   a. Review of Department Activities

6. Old Business (Action item)
   a. Todd Street, Hamden, CT

7. New Business (Action item)

8. Adjournment
Dear Members of the Police Commission and other relevant Parties,

I understand that the Police Commission and Traffic Authority meetings have been cancelled. According to the Mayor’s note, the chief “has been extremely busy?” Who hasn’t? But that is not an acceptable reason for not holding much needed commission meetings. It can’t be that hard to make up an agenda. You have heard for months (if not longer) what the people of this Town want addressed. Let’s start with racism and the over militarism of the police department. Then there’s the issue of SROs, and issues of padding the overtime to name a couple more agenda items. I am certain you have a list. Please stop this delaying tactic and schedule those meetings.

Your last meeting was 19th of February. You need to meet! After all, the police are still working. Now they are working without oversight! That is unacceptable! After all, other town commissions have been able to hold their meetings via Zoom, (two examples are Legislative Council, and the Planning and Zoning commission). If you say that the clerk is unavailable, is there no one who can cover? What have you done in the past?

Be aware that Town business and services such as trash pickup, street sweeping and others have been ongoing. And, as I said above, police are still working. I repeat, these two commissions need to get their act together and meet. Unless they feel their work is unimportant or irrelevant.

Thank you for reading and taking heed.

Sincerely

Patricia C Vener-Saavedra
I am writing this letter concerning the problem that exists at the corner of Brook and Wintergreen. Speeding cars are a major problem at this intersection. There have been many accidents. I see that you put the speed limit sign up (thank you) but this doesn’t solve the issue. Cars speed around this corner. You have a park entrance here and now a days more people are walking. It’s just a matter of time before someone gets seriously hurt. 2 speed humps would solve this problem. One on each side of Wintergreen. Stop signs would not work. It seems like they are optional. Some people don’t stop. If I have to go to a meeting let me know. I will get the neighborhood to go also. There are speed humps all over town. 2 more won’t hurt. Thanks so much. Email address is:
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Hello!

My husband and I moved to Augur Street in Hamden in August of 2018. We really love it here but have noticed that cars often speed down the road. There are so many children out playing, people walking, and cats roaming, and we worry about their safety. Whitneyville is a sweet, vibrant and genuinely walkable neighborhood. We want that to be preserved.

We are curious about the town’s procedure for creating a traffic calming plan (speed bumps or signs). We’d like to prevent a tragedy and do something before there is an accident.

Thank you,
Jodi and Trevor

Sent from my iPhone
Hello. I'm inquiring about speed bumps put on a street. I live on Cherry Ann St. Which is the town line to New Haven and has heavy traffic and 80% are speeding. The street is primarily kids, senior citizens and walkers who live at the dead end. Any assistance will greatly be appreciated.

Tyrone Oliver
Hamden, CT
06514

Get Outlook for Android
Hello,

I would like to request to make the intersection of Gordon St and Central Ave a 4 way stop. When coming down Central from Whitney, it's impossible to see oncoming traffic on Gordon until you pull into the intersection, which is very unsafe because cars just go zooming through.

Thank you for considering my request.

Best,
Janna King

Sent from my iPhone
Good Afternoon,

I live at the corner of Rocky Top Road and Nutmeg Hill Road and work in the yard often so I see what is going on in regards to the traffic situation. First, thank you for making Rocky Top one-way as the road was way too narrow at the turn at the top of the hill. That is awesome.

The issue that has been going on since are cars and trucks going the wrong way. Coming up Rocky Top there are no signs at the Nutmeg Hill intersection that Rocky Top is one way from that point. Therefore any visitors, delivery trucks and all don’t know this and visit whichever house they have to go to and then head right back down the wrong way. They never see the signs at the other end at Shepard which is unfortunately where they all are. To compound the issue the stop sign is gone at the intersection for those going the wrong way. I can just see a head on collision from a car or truck not stopping and a car or truck coming up the hill not expecting a vehicle coming at them.

Please, please and please let’s not have a fatality. Put the stop sign back up for those who are unaware they are going the wrong way and perhaps a one way sign at this end letting everyone who doesn’t live in the area know that it is now one-way. It is a fatality waiting to happen that a few signs can prevent.

Thank you for your time.

Stephen Holland
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The Hamden Traffic Authority

c/o Hamden Police Department
2900 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518

To whom it may concern:

As residents of Hamden, since 2007, we have been subjected to the sounds of extremely loud street racer groups, as well as seeing speeding cars and motorcycles from behind our house on Morse Street. This, mixed with the sounds of children playing, reflecting the presence of the newly expanded and renovated Villano Park, as well the presence of animals, both wild and domestic, which we know to be abundant in this neighborhood fills us with dread that someday something will happen there. It is a long stretch from the stop sign below at Winchester Street to the top of Prospect, and this, combined with an uphill incline causes people to speed on this stretch. We have never seen any speed control or sound control on this street. We would like to formally request that speed bumps be placed between Winchester Avenue and Homelands Terrace and again between Homelands Terrace and Prospect Street.

Please advise as to how we can make this a reality.

Sincerely,

Professor James Taylor and Thomas Cooley

Hamden, CT 06517

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- Helpdesk

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I still have not received any notice yet from Mr Iezzi. I can guarantee nothing is going to be done or said about this matter. If this was northern Hamden I’m sure something would have been done. I guess the next step is to bring it to the media since the town won’t do anything about it. Channel 8 would love a story about this.
Drivers constantly disregard the stop sign At Vantage & Harrison. We could balance the budget just ticketing the drivers. Very dangerous for people coming down Harrison who want to make a left turn onto Vantage.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10
Hello...

My name is Phil Cronan and I submitted a Traffic Calming Request last November.

I was on the March 9th Agenda under Correspondence.

When I look on the July 13th Agenda, I don't see my request under Old Business.

Can you explain why that is?

I'd like to get an update on the status of my request.

Thank you,
Phil Cronan
To: Hamden Traffic Authority  
From: Karlen Meinsen  

Date: July 13, 2020  
Re: Public Comment  

Dear Hamden Traffic Authority,

I am writing to your commission on behalf of our Hamden Traffic Collaborative Committee, a group of citizens from various civic and neighborhood associations around Hamden. We all share a common interest in traffic calming and safety for residents across Hamden as well concern about specific trouble spots at intersections or areas around town. I currently serve as the Chair of the Traffic and Safety Committee for Spring Glen Civic Association and have worked on this in some capacity off and on for the last 20 years. I will be sharing some of our concerns with you tonight and hope that we can bring some new ideas and forward-minded thinking to your commission for the benefit of our large and complex town.

- Our first concern is:
  - **communication.**  
  - There seems to be a significant gap in communication among all parties: citizens, commissioners, and town officials. In the past, some letters that have been submitted have never made it onto the agenda or to the Chief of Police. When citizens do submit
letters/concerns, there has been no way of knowing if or when it will be addressed at a meeting. In some cases, concerns linger on the traffic authority’s radar for months or even years.

(there are several reports on the Traffic Authority’s website, for example, that date back to 2012). These delays significantly hold back the progress that’s essential to make our neighborhoods safe.

The deadline of the 20th to submit a letter of concern seems to be plenty of time to review concerns and decide a course of action.

This leads to our second concern: **public comment** at TA meetings. We feel it is both productive and consistent with other town commissions that people are able to speak at TA meetings regarding their particular request/concern or are given a forum to ask questions or participate in a discussion with the chief or commissioners. Healthy dialogue is how we build relationships and healthy communities. Traffic and safety is a key element to a high-functioning town.

Finally, one essential element that appears to be lacking is a clear, cohesive **Traffic Authority Policy** which streamlines the process from beginning to end and organizes the various projects occurring around town, brought forth by citizens, neighborhoods, or initiatives of the administration. By following a flow-chart type of process with clear goals and which includes the stakeholders in the community and which sets due dates and time limits on projects,

the TA could meet the safety needs of Hamden. There are progressive tools and strategies which could utilize updated technology to make the system run more efficiently. We have been researching examples of such policies for your consideration as we are seeking a more streamlined, systematic, proactive approach for operating our Hamden Traffic Authority, and we will be forthcoming with some of these examples in the future.

We hope to begin collaborating with this commission on developing a policy and hope you will recognize the importance and value of public comment and citizen input in the work of your commission.
Thank you for your service to Hamden.

Very truly yours,
Karlen Meinsen, on behalf of Hamden Traffic Collaborative
Hello my name is Derrick Corbett and I live at ___________ In Hamden ct 06514. I’ve been living here for 3 years and This email was To request speed bumps on my street between pine rock and Gilbert. The speeding is excessive on a daily basis and dangerous and me and my neighbors have trouble getting out our driveways constantly. Recently a speeder lost control and crashed into the bridge barrier just missing my residence! It has since been repaired but the speeding continues. To correct the speeding 2 bumps should be installed. One near PineRock Park and Another right before the bridge that runs over the Brook near 219 Brook st. This should be addressed before some one gets hurt or killed. We have a lot of small children that live in are area including my 2 daughters. I’d appreciate a response to this request as to what I can do to have it approved moving forward.

Thanks.

Derrick Corbett

Hamden, CT 06514

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Chief Cappiello and Chairman Iezzi,

Hello. I have just checked the Agenda Center for the Traffic Authority. There is no agenda for a Traffic Authority for the meeting that would normally start at 5:30 pm on Monday, June 8.

Could you kindly let me and other members of the public copied on this message know the status of the June 8 meeting, which remains on the Traffic Authority meeting schedule posted on Hamden.com? There is no indication anywhere that the meeting has been cancelled, and we would like to know how we can participate in the session.

Thank you for your help.
Best wishes,
Sarah Clark
Hello...hope all is well.

I mailed in my Traffic Calming Request for Woodin St December 5, 2019.

And was on the March Agenda under Correspondence.

Somehow, the documentation got lost.

So, I’m resubmitted it to get on the August Agenda

Please see attached.

And if you would, please send me a response email back that you’ve received it.

Thank you,
Phil Cronan - President Hamden Plains Friends
(Representing the Second and part of the Seventh Districts)
I have been requesting speed bumps for our street several times. I had hoped with the new administration something would be done. We have stop signs on each end of our street, but they do not stop the speeding. We have a blind hill and I am afraid something serious may happen if a speed bump or bumps are not done. We do have children on our street if this makes a difference in your decision.

Evelyn Wilson-Peters

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android
Hi there,

I live on Mather Street and I’m concerned with the potholes that have persisted on the road this year. Is there a plan in place to fill these in the near future? They are deep, numerous, and difficult to navigate around. I’d love any update you may have.

Thank you for your time!
Tara
Sent from my iPhone
Morning...hope all is well.

After several emails sent to the TA Committee by Civic Leaders and residents, we still haven't received confirmation on if there is a TA Meeting this coming Monday, June 8th.

Emails have been sent to the TA President, Assistant President, the Police Chief and to this email address as well.

We thank the Police Chief and the Mayor for their efforts in trying to get some info for us.

And I've sent prior emails asking about the missing minutes for the February and March 2020 Meetings. Gotten no response on those either.

To make things more difficult, your web page does not list the TA Committee's email addresses. It took an effort to find out what they were.

I've offered to run a ZOOM Meeting for the June 8th Meeting.

Other departments and commissions are having virtual ZOOM Meetings - Legislative Council - P&Z - Clean and Green Commission.

Outside of the Police Chief's and Mayor's efforts, which we appreciate, I feel that the lack of response unacceptable.

Our residents have real concerns about traffic calming for our streets. With Covid, we've all seen an increase in speeding. The State Police had recorded a 40% increase in traffic speeding.

I just wanted to make you aware of my concerns. And I know that others feel the same way.

Thank you,
Phil Cronan - President Hamden Plains Friends
(Representing the Second and part of the Seventh Districts)
You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
https://zoom.us/j/95876604197?pwd=Z1VxVEhxSU3VUV2NnJQRnVtZG5BZz09
Password: 958938

Or iPhone one-tap:
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  9128 or +1 253 215 8782
  Webinar ID: 958 7660 4197
  Password: 958938

International numbers available: https://zoom.us/u/abVSte0Thr
Morning Soraya,

I attached a residents email complaint below, after going to the Weaton@Central intersection I would like to request adding two stop signs to make this intersection into a 4 way stop sign, similar to the others in the Spring Glen area.

Respectfully,

Jim Mesner
Town of Hamden
Traffic Department
O. 203-287-2636
C. 203-410-7191

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The people traveling east and west on central avenue do not stop at the intersection of central and weaton at the posted stop signs...I live on park and weaton and have almost been hit numerous times as people just drive right thru the stop signs. I am assuming they think its a 4 way stop...is there anyway we can have the 2 way stop put under the stop sign as i have seen on other stop signs in town. In hopes that people will actually read and obey the posted sign.

Sent via my Samsung Galaxy, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone
Soraya,  

I would like to suggest making the parking on Weaton Street to be only permitted to one side of the road. After being there for a different traffic matter I noticed vehicles parked across from each other and a couple pickup trucks had to turn around and go a different way because they could not safely fit between them and that makes me think it would be impossible for an emergency vehicle to fit through in a time of need.

Respectfully,

Jim Mesner  
Town of Hamden  
Traffic Department  
O. 203-287-2636  
C. 203-410-7191
APPLICATION FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE

HAMDEN TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
2900 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, Connecticut 06518

This application is a request to the Hamden Traffic Authority to have a “Reserved for Handicapped” parking space posted on the public street near your residence. The Traffic Authority accepts such requests from Residents to have a need to park a personal vehicle on the street. However, any vehicle with a properly displayed, valid, handicap parking permit may legally park in this space. Designated handicap parking spaces are not intended for use by Handi-van or other pick-up/drop-off services.

APPLICANT: PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME OF PERMIT HOLDER: Judith L. Davis
PHONE: 203-520-9501
ADDRESS: 38 NORTH ST - 1ST FLOOR
HAMDEN CT 06514

STATE HANDICAPPED PARKING PERMIT NUMBER: P1033921
DATE OF EXPIRATION: OCT 2025

REGISTRATION NO. (LICENSE PLATE NO., MARKER NO.) OF VEHICLE: 3Am-SK2

NAME OF VEHICLE OWNER OR DRIVER: Judith Davis / Lisa Davis
ADDRESS: 38 NORTH ST - 1ST FLOOR
HAMDEN CT 06514

NAME OF APPLICANT (IF DIFFERENT THAN PERMIT HOLDER): Lisa Davis

RELATIONSHIP OF APPLICANT TO PERMIT HOLDER: daughter

DO YOU HAVE A DRIVEWAY OR OTHER OFF-STREET PARKING SPACE? ☐ YES ☐ NO
IF YES, WHY DO YOU REQUIRE AN ON-STREET HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE?
DIFFICULTY CROSSING GRASS AREA MORE STEPS TO WALK AROUND
MULTI FAMILY HOUSE - 3rd FLOOR TENANT DAYS
FOR USE OF DRIVEWAY

SIGNATURE: Lisa Davis
DATE: 03/04/2020

OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW LINE:

INSPECTION DATE:
ITEM:
DATE:
ACTION:
March 2, 2020

This is a follow up to my letter of August 2019 (enclosed). Have there been any surveys conducted to this matter. I see it was noted on your October 2019 agenda for discussion for the traffic council meeting.

Thank you!

[Signature]
74 Arcadia Avenue
Hamden, CT 06514

August 29, 2019

Traffic Authority Commission
Hamden Police Department
Attn: Michael Iezzi
2900 Dixwell Ave
Hamden, CT 06518

Re: Arens & Battis Roads (off of Circular Avenue) – Traffic Calming Request

Dear Mr. Iezzi:

This letter serves as a request to implement a traffic calming measure for the above mentioned area.

There are concerns from residents of the excessive racing, speeding and heavy traffic use of these two merging roads. The road is designed as a two-way street with no sidewalk in a residential neighborhood. It runs adjacent to my backyard as well, which causes a safety issue. It is used heavily by residents who are walking, jogging, cycling, and strolling their children and walking their dogs. In addition, there are also two directional signs placed along the bend in the road, that is not visible to motorists due to overgrowth of brush and trees.

Please include this on your agenda for discussion at the Wednesday, September 11th traffic council meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Christine Ferrucci