Agenda: The Traffic Authority, Town of Hamden, will hold a regular meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. The following topics will be discussed:

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1. Call to order/Roll Call

2. Acceptance of the minutes of meeting August 10, 2020

3. Public comments on agenda Action Items only

4. Correspondence
5. Department reports

   a. Review of Department Activities

6. Old Business (Action Item)

   a) Evelyn Wilson Peters - Request for speed bumps on Westerfield Road. (Action item)

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   c) Derrick Corbett - Request for speed bumps between Pine Rock Avenue and Gilbert Avenue. (Action item)

   d) Karlen Meinsen - Request to provide suggestions and form collaboration with the Hamden Traffic Authority (Traffic and Safety Committee, Spring Glen Civic Association). (Action item)

   e) 1. Seb DiLeone - Concerns regarding Vantage Road and Harrison Drive (motorists are not stopping at the stop sign) (Action item). e) 2. Lori Smith – concerns with speeding cars on Vantage Road, request for speed bumps (Action item).

   f) Donald Hovick - Concerns regarding Brook Street and Wintergreen Avenue. (Action item)

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   k) Nicole Lees - Request for speed bumps and sign for (children at play) on Village Circle. (Action item)

   l) Anne Loin & Phil Cronan- Request for traffic calming on Pine Rock Avenue and Gilbert Avenue (map and statistic included in email). (Action item)

   m) Christine Huntley- Request for traffic calming (speed) between Whitney Avenue, Waite Street and Reservoir. (Action item)
6. Old Business (Continued) (Action Item)

n) Michael Gentile - Request for traffic calming (speed) between Maryknoll and West Side Drive. (Action item)

o) Clifford Skakle - Request for speed bumps on Eramo Terrace. (Action item)

p) Todd Street - request for through truck prohibition. (Action Item)

q) Karen Jenkins - Request for bike rack for the Whitneyville Cultural Commons (WCC). (Action item)

r) Elm City Management - Request for speed humps on Marne Street, Hamden, CT. (Action item)

s) Gail Cameron –
   1. Request for a “Caution Blind Driveways” sign on Doolittle Lane. (Action item)
   2. Request for speed enforcement on Tuttle Ave, (between Whitney, Cook Hill and the Hartford Tpke.) (Action item)
   3. Request for traffic enforcement at the corner of Mansion and Tuttle. Motorists do not stop and motorist on Mansion cannot see oncoming traffic. (Action item)

t) Steve Holland - Request for a stop sign at the intersection of Nutmeg Hill Road and Rocky Top Road. (Action item)

u) Vote on the Percentage Rate of residents in favor for the installation of Speed Hump(s). (Action item)

v) Nathesia Wethington - Request for speed humps on North Street, Hamden, CT. (Action item)

7. New Business (Action Item)

a) Elm City Management - Request for “no parking” sign, at the end of Pershing Street at Dixwell Avenue. (Purpose -Trailers block line of sight) (Action item)

b) Elm City Management - Request for “no parking” sign, across from 41 Marne Street driveway. (Purpose - Trailers block entrance of the parking lot) (Action item)

8. Executive Session

9. Adjournment
Meeting Minutes: The Traffic Authority, Town of Hamden, held a general regular meeting Monday, August 10, 2020 at 5:35 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. The following topics were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Michael Iezzi, Chair
Larry Esposito
Mitchell Strickland
Cherlyn Poindexter
Raeanne Curtis

Staff in attendance: Nancy Forvil, Clerk

Others in attendance: Chief of Police, John Sullivan
Deputy Chief of Police, Bo Kicak
Town Attorney, Sue Gruen

1. Call to order/Roll Call

Chairman, Michael Iezzi called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM. A roll call was conducted by the Commission Clerk, Nancy Forvil. Chairman, Michael Iezzi, Commissioners Cherlyn Poindexter, Larry Esposito, Mitchell Strickland and Raeanne Curtis were present. Chief of Police, John Sullivan, Deputy Chief of Police, Bo Kicak and Town Attorney, Sue Gruen were also present.

2. Acceptance of the minutes of meeting March 9, 2020 and July 13, 2020

Commissioner Raeanne Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2020 and July 13, 2020. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
3. Public comments on agenda action items only

1. Elaine M. Dove, Hamden, CT- Concerns regarding itemized “Action Items”.
2. Karlen Meinsen, Hamden, CT- Concerns regarding communication, traffic forms, and policy and procedures.

4. Correspondence- (All correspondences will be reviewed and addressed by the Traffic Authority and moved to Action items for the September 14, 2020 regular meeting)

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a. Review of Department Activities

1. Speed enforcement on Brook Street
2. Stop sign enforcement at Vantage Road and Harrison Drive
3. Speed enforcement at Forest, Winchester, and Cherry Ann Street
4. Speed enforcement on Woodin Street and Pine Rock Avenue
5. Todd Street School Zone Study

6. Old Business (Action item)

(There were none)

7. New Business (Action item)

(All correspondences will be reviewed and addressed by the Traffic Authority and moved to Action items for the September 14, 2020 regular meeting)

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Mitchell Strickland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.
Dear Commissioners:

It has been a long time since you actually held a meeting and it surprises me that your agenda precludes any comments to those listed as "action items". However, there are NO action items listed on your agenda. I think the residents of Hamden are tired of a commission that seems to exist in "name only." Do you think it is possible for you to itemize the "action items" so that residents can make pertinent comments?

I would also like to ask your Commission to identify action items regarding our ridiculous speeding traffic in town. Certainly the Police Department could provide the actual number of tickets issued (not warnings) and other important pieces of information that the public so dearly desires. I'd be most appreciative of a response. Thank you.

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Elaine M. Dove
Santa Fe Ave.
Dear Hamden Traffic Authority:
We were delighted to see that you created an online form to submit TA concerns for Hamden residents on your website. We also so appreciate the email acknowledgement that was recently received in response to a request.
Hamden residents are looking forward to a continued partnership with the TA in order to help tackle the public safety problems facing this town. The civic associations are eager to help. To do this, we look forward to ongoing communication between the town’s committees and residents, supported by efficient communication systems – email, the website, and meetings -- that are easy to access and use and as citizen-friendly as possible. The TA’s important mission to help Hamden address unsafe conditions on our roads is a problem we all share. We appreciate your time and look forward to your response and further discussion about the suggestions listed below.

1. **Follow-up to Form Submission:** To move requests through the system more efficiently, we suggest the acknowledgement email contain an assurance that the citizen will be notified when the request comes up on the agenda so that they can participate. Thus, we request that the acknowledgement email also explain how to determine when an item has been put on an agenda. The TA would then send an email to alert every citizen whose request is coming up on an agenda.

2. **Enhanced Communication:** Among other things, the TA website would include a FAQ section as well as a name, email address, and office phone number for someone who could receive and answer or redirect questions to facilitate enhanced communication.

3. **Policies & Procedures:** At recent TA meetings, the Chair and Chief Cappiello responded to several questions & comments from residents by citing policies and procedures. It would be helpful for citizens if these policies and procedures were posted on the TA website so that all Hamden residents can review them. The more accessible and transparent the policies, the
more citizens will be able to understand where their request fits into a bigger picture and appreciate the hard work of the Traffic Authority.

We hope that our efforts are helpful and we look forward to further collaboration with the Traffic Authority and Chief Sullivan. Hamden is a very large town and is changing and growing quickly. Together with community involvement and support, we can make Hamden a safer place for us all!

Respectfully yours,
Hamden Traffic Collaborative Committee, Karlen Meinsen, Chair
To: Police Commission – Traffic Authority  
Re: Public Comment Regarding Speed Bump Requests  

September 11, 2020

The Town is seeing a significant increase in the request for speed humps and, seeing the agenda item discussion on percentage of neighbors in favor of having speed humps on their street, appears to be setting up parameters for such requests. I have a background in traffic engineering and would like to add a comment regarding this.

Speed humps have a place in traffic calming but it should not be the immediate “go to” response to traffic calming issues. There are numerous pros and cons to the use of speed humps which should be considered by both the Traffic Authority and the affected neighbors. For instance, they do slow traffic down effectively, but they present a noise issue for the houses they are placed in front of that can be both unending and unpleasant.

One of the first things that should be undertaken before a neighborhood survey is to approach both the Police Chief and the Fire Chief regarding the request. Many cities and towns around the country have established this as the first step in considering the installation of speed humps. Speed humps are not recommended by the Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, or the Institute of Transportation Engineers, for streets which are considered primary access roads for emergency vehicles into general neighborhoods. Response time and impact on patients being transported with serious injuries or medical conditions should take priority.

If both the Police Chief and Fire Chief agree that the location in consideration is not considered a primary access road for emergencies into a neighborhood area, then the survey can be suggested to the citizens requesting the installation. If they do consider it a roadway that is used for responses regularly, then the request should be denied before it goes any further.

There are certain types of streets that can benefit from speed humps, but there is no point in moving to a neighborhood survey if the street in question should automatically be ruled out for emergency response reasons.

Jay Cruickshank

11 Nature Trail
Dear Traffic Authority Commissioners:

I have worked with Anne Loin on gathering data for her Traffic Calming Request.

Reading the written Public Comment she has submitted, I am in total agreement with her.

Since I live on Woodin Street, she has the same problems that we have with speeders, young children on unregistered scooters and in general drivers creating hazardous conditions because they can.

Their overall attitude can be best summarized as what one biker told me, 'I'm on the street. I can do what I want!'

With Helen Street School beginning and an increase in children and their parents walking to school, the reckless behavior of drivers definitely puts them at risk.

As I've been saying for many years, if nothing is done, someone is going to get killed. It will happen.

So I fully support Ms. Loin's request and ask you to please do something to help us in Southern Hamden.

Please send me a confirmation email indicating that you have received my comment.

Thank you.
Phil Cronan - President Hamden Plains Friends Civic Group
- Commissioner - Technology Commission
I am writing to reiterate my concern about the many accidents at the intersection of Pine Rock Avenue and Gilbert Avenue. I see my request from March 11, 2020 is listed as an action item on the agenda for the September 14, 2020 meeting, but I do not see the actual information attached. I hope that everyone on the authority has had the opportunity to read my submission and evaluate the options suggested for improving safety at this long time problematic intersection.

Since the pandemic began problems have continued and are now even more of a concern as there are more walkers, bicycle riders and delivery vehicles here as well as kids using off street vehicles and scooters on Gilbert Avenue in violation of the law and at risk to themselves as well as others. There is now also some of the seasonal increase in traffic here due to the return of students to local schools such as Southern Connecticut State University and the school buses.

I hope some immediate measure will be taken at this busy intersection to protect residents as well as reduce town liability that could result from additional accidents.

Please send a confirmation that you have received this e-mail to me at amloin@aol.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Anne M. Loin
126 Valley Road
Hamden, CT 06514
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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)
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:

Jim Missner
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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
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
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
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

Sent from my iPhone

Jim Messner
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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.

what is the issue?
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
From: Judyanne Cronan
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2020 20:34
To: hta Traffic
Subject: Question regarding status of Traffic Calming for Woodin St.

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

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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
Hello my name is Derrick Corbett and I live at 27 circular ave 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 repairs 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 u6514

Sent from my iPhone
Soraya Antonini

From: Evelyn Wilson
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 18:34
To: hta Traffic
Subject: Westerfield Road
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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

[Signature]
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)
Hamden Traffic Authority  
c/o Hamden Traffic Authority  

2900 Dixwell Avenue  
Hamden, Ct. 06518  

Dear Miss Antonini:  

I attended the Traffic Authority Meeting last night, 7/13/2020.  

It seems that the procedures for getting a Traffic Calming Request on the Traffic Authority’s Agenda have changed.  

While I submitted my Traffic Calming Request in December, the paperwork got lost.  

So Acting Police Chief Sullivan asked that I send you this letter asking that my Traffic Calming Request for Woodin Street (see enclosed), be put on the next scheduled traffic meeting.  

Could you please send me a confirmation email indicating that you received this letter?  

My email is listed above.  

Thank you,  

Phil Cronan  

Phil Cronan – President Hamden Plains Friends  
(Representing the Second and part of the Seventh Districts)
Mr. Michael Iezzi  
Acting Police Chief John Sullivan  
Hamden Traffic Authority  
c/o Hamden Traffic Authority  

2900 Dixwell Avenue  
Hamden, Ct. 06518  

Dear Mr. Iezzi,

I am writing to you regarding my concerns about traffic speeding and traffic volume on Woodin Street. My wife and I have lived on Woodin Street for over 35 years. Our house is located at the intersection of Woodin Street and Pine Rock Avenue.

Both my wife and I participated in the 2013 Hamden Plains, Wintergreen and East Side Traffic Calming Study the Town conducted with an outside consultant firm.

During this study the following was determined:

1) Woodin Street currently carries between 4,600 and 4,900 vehicles per day
2) The New Haven Authority plans to build 106 Ribicoff Cottages and 494 Brookside Estate Units (each unit will each have 6 apartments).
   a) The final number of units will be a total of 3070.
3) A recent New Haven Traffic Study projects that once all the units are build, Woodin Street will see an increase of 3,000 cars per day, bringing the total number of cars per day at between 7,600 and 7,900.
4) Traffic on the western segment of Woodin Street is likely to increase as a result of the pending construction of connector roads from New Haven to Hamden (serving a local New Haven housing development and a planned Southern Connecticut State University parking garage)
5) Additional traffic calming should be considered on Woodin Street if traffic generated as a result of the new roadways shows an increase in the 85th percentile travel speed(35 mph)
   a) Current speed limit is 25 miles per hour
   b) I question that the 85th percentile travel speed is 35mph
      i) My understanding is that the radar speed observation took place toward the end of Woodin Street where it connects to Dixwell Avenue.
      1) If that was the case, cars would automatically slow down if the traffic light at the intersection of Woodin and Dixwell was red or if it was green, cars would need so slow down in order to turn onto Dixwell Avenue.
   c) The prior Police Chief felt the study was flawed.
Current UCONN Connecticut Crash Repository Data:

In order to get a better understanding of the number of total crashes, total vehicles involved and total people injured on Woodin Street, I ran the data using the UCONN Connecticut Crash Repository Data.

I also ran the data for Ridge Road, a road that has already been determined by this Traffic Authority as needing traffic calming.

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While Ridge Road had 17 more crashes (87) from 2015 to 9/24/19 than Woodin Street (70), the total number of people injured during that period for Ridge Road was only 7 more (183) compared to Woodin Street (176).

The following 2013 Hamden Plains, Wintergreen and East Side Traffic Calming Study recommendations have been implemented already for Woodin Street (west segment):

1) Install crosswalk and crosswalk signage
2) Install speed feedback sign
3) Install marked crosswalks

The following 2013 Study recommendations have been implemented for Woodin Street (east segment):
1) Install marked crosswalks.

The following 2013 recommendations have not been implemented for Woodin Street (west segment):

1) The roadway should be marked with a shoulder stripe to reduce the travel lane to 11’ wide for bicyclists and pedestrians.
2) The roadway should be designated as a shared use roadway ‘sharrow’.

The following 2013 recommendations have not been implemented for Woodin Street (east segment):
1) Striping a parking lane between Michael Road and Alenier Street in order to accommodate and manage the demand for parking.
2) Sharrow markings and ‘Share the Road’ signage should also be installed throughout the length of the corridor.
3) East of Alenier Street, the roadway should be marked with shoulder stripes to discourage parking and provide space for bicyclists.
4) A speed feedback sign should be installed in the westbound direction at the eastern end of the corridor.

SUMMARY:

I know the following:

1. Several or all of the outstanding 2013 Woodin Street recommendations need to be implemented.
   i) I would like to see the roadway marked with a shoulder stripe to reduce the travel lane to 11’ wide where appropriate;
   ii) Any other 2013 recommendations that would help slow down traffic.
2. The recommendations are the standards that were in existence in 2013. Newer, better traffic calming techniques may exist today that could be implemented.
3. Based on the comparison of the UCONN Crash data Total People Injured of Woodin Street to Ridge Road indicates with the increased Woodin Street traffic, additional traffic calming procedures need to be put in place.
4. During rush hour, it is close to impossible to get out of my driveway.
5. Woodin Street has become dangerous with speeders and drivers running stop lights (my wife and I were almost killed by a driver that ran the Woodin Street – Pine Rock Stop light).
6. Along with traffic calming, there needs to be additional Police patrols to deter speeding.
7. I fully support a request made by a neighbor on Woodin Street, Rose Brazelle, 19 Elliot Drive. She requested a traffic emergency installation of a traffic light or 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Elliot Drive – Woodin St and Wilmont Road. It is nearly impossible merging on to Woodin Street or, for me, backing out of my driveway during rush hour traffic.

Thank you,

[Signature]

Phil Cronan
Town of Hamden Traffic Authority
2750 Dixwell Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
March 11, 2020

To the members of the Traffic Authority,
I am writing regarding the intersection of Pine Rock Avenue and Gilbert Avenue. I am the owner and resident of 126 Valley Road (parcel 181 on the map). The southern side of my property is the 60’ section of Gilbert Avenue at that intersection. For those of you who may not be familiar with that intersection I have attached a map which shows that Pine Rock Avenue and Valley Road do not line up directly with each other (similar to the Pine Rock/Woodin Street intersection), a situation that contributes to the damage done to my house and various properties. The map also has the parcel numbers on the lots to which I refer in this letter.

BACKGROUND:
I have lived here for almost 43 years and during this time there have been an increasing number of accidents at that intersection many of which have done damage to the adjoining properties and houses. In July, 1983 a vehicle traveling north on Pine Rock drove across the front of my property, across the side yard, into the rear yard and then into the rear yard of 111 Gilbert (parcel 368) which is on the Valley Road side of that property, back through my yard and proceeded to park in front of 131 Gilbert (parcel 182). Prior to November, 1984 my house was hit by a vehicle traveling north from Pine Rock Ave. which either did not stop or did not make a complete turn onto Gilbert Ave. On May 17, 1985 a vehicle drove from Pine Rock, across my front yard (ripping out two large shrubs including the roots), across my side yard, across Valley Road and stopped on the west side of the property at 109 Valley (parcel 185) just outside of the house’s side window. On November 9, 1986 a vehicle did not stop at the end of Pine Rock damaging my lawn, shrubs and siding and crashing into my front porch missing going through the house by inches. After this accident the town put up the original guard rail on the Gilbert Avenue side of my property.

CURRENT INCIDENTS:
Skipping to the present, there continue to be many accidents at that intersection. A driver coming north on Pine Rock hit the guard rail on May 23, 2019 (picture attached). There was another accident on August 8, 2019 in which one of the vehicles ended up with its rear end hitting the guard rail and the passenger side missing the utility pole on Gilbert by inches (picture attached). A vehicle hit the tree stump in front of my property this summer. In the fall a car traveling east on Gilbert veered off the road and crashed through the fence on the north side of 865 Pine Rock (parcel 227). At approximately 3:00 am February 8, 2020 I was awakened by a vehicle crashing into the guard rail which moved the entire approximately 60’ length with the part receiving the most impact bent in half and flattened to the ground (also pictures attached). The guard rail – which had been repaired by the town after the August, 2019 accident – had to be completely replaced as it was damaged so severely. This makes five accidents with damage in less than nine months of which I am aware. If I remember correctly, the property at 864 Pine Rock (parcel 208) has also had a vehicle drive over part of its front lawn within the past couple of years. Finally, on February 17, 2020 as I was driving westbound on Gilbert Avenue approaching the intersection of Pine Rock, an eastbound vehicle crossed over the center line into my lane of
traffic. Thankfully I was alert and slowed down and the other driver moved back into the proper lane in time to avoid a collision.

These accidents have happened both during the day and at night. Luckily no one has been killed but if that guard rail had not been there this time I am convinced the vehicle would have gone through my house and I could have been severely injured or killed.

Factors that have contributed to these accidents, as well as many not listed, are impaired/distracted drivers and disregard of the rules of the road, particularly speeding. Some cars barely slow down to turn a corner from either road as evidenced by the frequently heard screeching brake sounds. At 3:01 am on Saturday, February 22, 2020 I observed a car traveling north on Pine Rock barely slow down to turn eastbound onto Gilbert – whether the driver did not see the stop sign, was impaired or just did not care is anyone’s guess but this very well could have been another vehicle hitting the guard rail. Vehicles traveling above the posted limit on Pine Rock are driving on a road that curves and slopes downward when going north toward Gilbert. I have been told that the stop sign at the end of Gilbert is hard to see because it is near a utility pole and the lighting is not that good. I have both observed and been told that speeding is getting worse in this area and believe that traffic calming measures are needed before something tragic happens at this intersection.

A traffic calming study was done in 2013 by Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. which included recommendations for these roads. Their November, 2013 report includes warning signs at the end of Pine Rock, speed humps and speed feedback signs on Pine Rock as well as speed humps on a section of Gilbert between Pine Rock and Plains Road as some of the recommendations. None of these have been done. The warning sign which was recommended for the end of Pine Rock, placed at the corner of Gilbert and Valley, showing arrows pointing left and right (picture attached) was the least costly safety measure for the immediate area in this study and I think is a good, highly visible option for indicating to drivers that the road ends. I have also talked to people who have suggested better lighting at the intersection, flashing lights as a warning, radar, police patrols, town installed cameras to capture the vehicles/drivers involved in incidents, or rectangular yellow/black reflective signs at the intersection. I asked for reflectors to be put on the guard rail for the northbound traffic on Pine Rock but was told by the fence company doing the replacement work that they are not made for application in that direction (there are reflectors in place for westbound traffic on Gilbert). Reflective tape placed along the length of the rail has been suggested – this is an inexpensive, simple and quick measure to raise the visibility of the guard rail at night as cars approach from Pine Rock which I believe to be a crucial need. My research shows that a 50’ roll of outdoor weather, impact, abrasion and solvent resistant tape that lasts up to 5 years can be bought for less than $60.00 and comes in two widths as well as 6 colors. I also think that making Pine Rock one way, southbound only from Gilbert to the intersection of Brook/Gorham would greatly alleviate the problem as the vast majority of accidents involve northbound traffic on upper Pine Rock.

I ask that the traffic authority act on measures to increase the safety of this intersection and reduce the town’s potential liability from accidents. Something tangible needs to be done now for the drivers and residents of this area as the traffic and speeding are only getting worse. The two lower cost options – reflective tape on the guard rail and the warning sign – would be a good starting point.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Anne M. Loin
128 Valley Road
Hamden, CT 06514
Pine Rock Avenue: Recommendations

The recommended improvements for Pine Rock Avenue are focused on slowing travel speeds on the roadway. This can be accomplished by installing speed humps on the northern segment of the roadway, which is a low volume local street. The yellow center-line striping should be removed from this segment to provide additional space on the roadway for on-street parking on either side of the roadway. The absence of a striped travel lane will also provide additional space on the roadway for bicyclists. Speed feedback signs should be installed on the northern and southern approaches to Helen Street School in order to reduce travel speeds in the vicinity of the school. Warning signage should also be installed at the terminus of the roadway on Gilbert Avenue.

1. Install warning signage at terminus of roadway
2. Remove yellow center-line between Gorham Avenue and Gilbert Avenue
3. Install speed humps
4. Install speed feedback signs
5. Install "Oncoming Traffic Does Not Stop" warning signage on northbound stop sign
Hello,

I know that you have already received calls and emails about the traffic on Whitney Ave by Waite Street.

I saw yet another horrible crash today that I know you are aware of. I live on Ford street and often run on that stretch of Whitney, which quite honestly makes me incredibly nervous. This is a very popular running route and I often see families, dogs, and children walking near the reservoir.

People drive so, so fast on this stretch of road. The other day my hat blew off as a car drove by as I was running. All it takes is one distracted or drunk driver who goes up along the sidewalk and any pedestrian will be dead.

I’ve never seen police doing radar and from our local discussion, there was talk that this is considered ‘state’ and Hamden doesn’t have control over this? I’m not certain how any of that works, but whoever has control over this area needs to enforce the speed limit. There was talk from neighbors of lowering the speed limit, but no one even follows the current speed limit. And clearly no one is enforcing the one that’s there. I’ve watched many people blow through red lights and I’ve learned to wait before going once the light turns green. It is so dangerous. Spring Glen is filled with families and children and there is bound to be a tragedy is something isn’t done.

Additionally on Waite Street further down by the reservoir, people drive so fast down that street where there are often many birdwatchers, despite there being speed humps. Again, it’s only a matter of time before someone gets killed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Christiane Maiorana
63 Ford Street
Good morning Gail,

Thank you for your request. I will be sure to add your concerns to next month meeting correspondence. The Traffic Authority will review your concerns and make a decision.

Thank you,

Nancy Forvil, Clerk

I would like to raise a few concerns

1. As you travel north past Doolittle La. There is a small rise and immediately afterwards several driveways which are not visible until you crest the rise. I fear that someone will be struck there as speed compounds the problem. I would like to request that a “Caution Blind Driveways” sign be erected.

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3. As you continue north to the fork in the road and bear left there is a 3 way stop sign at the corner of Mansion and Tuttle. Many people do not stop and if you are on Mansion you can’t see them coming.

To address both #3 and #4 I would like to request an occasional patrol/radar set up.

Thanks so much, please let me know how these issues will be addressed.

Sincerely,
Gail Cameron
117 Squire Lane
Soraya Antonini

From: Nancy Forvil <nforvil@Hamden.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 12:03
To: Soraya Antonini; John Sullivan
Cc: MICHAEL IEZZI
Subject: Fw: ERAMO TERRACE - INSTALLATION OF SPEED BUMPS

Soraya,

Let's add this to the agenda. Please forward them to traffic to see if they can get out there this week or next

From: Vera Morrison
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 11:28:26 AM
To: Clifford Skakle
Cc: miezzi@aol.com; Nancy Forvil
Subject: RE: ERAMO TERRACE - INSTALLATION OF SPEED BUMPS

Dear Mr. Skakle:

I am forwarding this email to our Chief of Police John Sullivan, who is in charge of the Traffic Division. The Town Clerk does many things, but speed bumps are not one of them!

It should be added to the Traffic Authority agenda as an item to be discussed. Stay well and stay safe.

Vera Morrison, Town Clerk
Hamden Government Center
2750 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 287-7162 (Office phone)
(203) 287-7095 (fax)

From: Clifford Skakle [mailto:cskakle@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 11:06 AM
To: Vera Morrison <vmorrison@Hamden.com>
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Dear Ms Morrison,

My name is Clifford Skakle. My wife and I have lived on Eramo Terrace in Hamden since 2014.
In this time, we have witnessed extremely dangerous and unsafe speeds as transient motorists utilize our residential street as a connector between Shephard & West Woods. I have become increasingly concerned as traffic has increased and speed of traffic threatens our neighborhood. Something truly must be done as soon as possible to restrain the traffic from blasting through, with reckless abandon.

We love the area, except for this hazardous condition of well being. The logical solution would for the town to install traffic bumps that would contain the speed, and/or hopefully deter the motorists from using Eramo Terrace as their own personal autobahn to wherever they are going.

If you are not the person I should be writing, could you please direct me, and/or forward my letter to proper person of interest in the Town of Hamden Administration?

Thank you and best wishes during this difficult time.

Clifford Skakle
185 Eramo Terrace
Hamden, CT 06518

cskakle@gmail.com
Good morning Soraya,

I hope all is well. Happy Friday! I remember sending this your way but I just want to make sure. Can you forward this to Mesner.

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Dear Colleague,

Good morning! Doug Hausladen, Director of Transportation, Traffic & Parking in New Haven, suggested I contact your office regarding the installation of a bike rack at the Whitneyville Cultural Commons (WCC) at 1253 Whitney Avenue in Hamden.

I am with the New Haven Coalition for Active Transportation (NHCAT), which will be assisting Rob Sheiman, Executive Director of the WCC, with its Bicycle Friendly Business application. Currently, WCC has no bike rack and is seeking guidance from the City of Hamden. Any guidance you can offer about installing a bike rack will be appreciated.

With pleasure, I look forward to your response. Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Regards,
Karen Jenkins
Member, Board of Directors
NHCAT

Karen Jenkins
732-325-4003
REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY AGENDA

Name (print): Michael Gentile
Email: mvgentile1983@gmail.com
Telephone number: 203-215-6468
Address: 117 Maryknoll Road

Reason for the request:
There seems to be much more traffic now that Wilmot road has opened up to New Haven

Remedy seeking (if applicable):

To be placed on the agenda, the request must be submitted in advance with the Chief’s office two weeks preceding the regular Traffic Authority meeting to:

Hamden Traffic Authority
C/o Hamden Police Department
Attn.: Chief’s Office
2900 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518
Or email: santonini@hamdenpd.com
From: Elm City Management <elmcitymgt@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:34
To: Soraya Antonini
Subject: Marne St. Speed Bumps
Attachments: speed bumps application.pdf

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Elm City owns both sides of the property where the location of the proposed speed bumps.

Anthony Cuomo
% Sonya Antonini

Enclosed Elm City application for Speed Bumps. Enclosed petition representing 5/6 of Marne St also proposed positioning.

Sincerely

[Signature]

8-17-20

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HAMDEN TRAFFIC AUTHORITY (HTA)
INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS

To: Hamden Traffic Authority HTA

In accordance with the Mayor's Policy on installation of Speed Humps I am submitting this request for the installation of Speed Hump(s) on

Street: Marne St.
(Street to have Humps Installed)

Between: Foch St and Treadwell and

Foch - Pershing - Treadwell
(Intersecting Streets)

I am a resident of this street and if this request is accepted by the HTA I understand that it will be necessary to obtain a petition indicating that 75% of the residents of this street are in support of the installation. This request is subject to review and approval by the HTA. I am not guaranteed that this Nomination Request will be accepted.

Signed __________________________ Date 8-17-20

Print Name ____________ Anthony Cuomo

Address 29 Marne St., Hamden, CT

Telephone 203.988.8790 Email elmcitymsg7@outlook.com

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HTA Receipt Date: ___________________ By: ____________________
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Hello, I am begging for help with Vantage Rd speeders. I have contacted PD traffic division and Jim Mesner regarding the situation. We have had speeders hit our property numerous times coming up Vantage toward Benham resulting in damage to fence (numerous times), garage, deck, house, and on June 25 this year totalled one vehicle and did $7000 damage to another vehicle parked in our driveway.
Also we have people speeding with squealing tires from Benham making a left on Vantage (on the wrong side of road I might add). We are sitting ducks here.
We would love to see a divider on Vantage so they have to slow down making that left and stay on their own side. Someone is going to be seriously hurt or worse coming up Vantage to that stop sign.
We were also wondering if speed bumps on Vantage might be possible. We need something done...people are going more than twice the limit on Vantage all day every day.
Please please help us.
Thank you

Lori and Duane Smith
186 Benham St
203 288 2069
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To: Nancy Forni  
HTA

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(Street to have Humps Installed)

Between: Middle and End of Street, and

Dix, North & Warren  
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Signed: Deborah Pepey  
Date: 9-8-2020

Print Name: Nathasia Wellington

Address: 74 North Street  
Hamden, CT

Telephone: 203-910-6084  Email: lilthese@aol.com

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HTA Receipt Date: By:

Deborah Pepey 62 North Street.

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26 North Street

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