



TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

Agenda
July 12, 2021

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Minutes: The Traffic Authority, Town of Hamden, held a regular meeting on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Michael Iezzi, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. A roll call was conducted by the Commission Clerk, Nancy Forvil. Commissioners, Cherlyn Poindexter, Kim Washington and Larry Esposito were present. Police Chief, John Sullivan, Deputy Chief of Police, Bo Kicak and Traffic Technician, James Mesner were also present.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF MEETING, JUNE 14, 2021.

Commissioner, Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2021. Commissioner, Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS ONLY

1. Jay Cruickshank, 11 Nature Trail- Requesting changes for Todd St and Shepard Ave.
Traffic turn 'left only' from West Todd onto Shepard– traveling to Dixwell Avenue.
2. Kathryn Grave, 117 Whitney Avenue. Requesting Speed Hump at Eli Road between Davis and Whitney Avenue.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Jennifer Stephen, 189 Anns Farm Road. Requesting Speed Hump between 179 and 189 Anns Farm Road. (Follow up from prior request, speeding on Anns Farm Road).
2. Maryann Brousseau, 120 Lakeview. Requesting a handicap parking sign at 120 Lakeview Avenue. Motorist are blocking front entrance of her home and has to use street parking.

3. Abby Grasso, Yale New Haven's "Closer to Free Rides". Approval to use sections of Hamden roads for annual event being held on 9/11/2021 between 7:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
4. David Schaefer, Chairman, Farmington Canal Trail. Requesting increased alert signage for motorist to yield for pedestrians and cyclist.

Chief Sullivan Response: Chief Sullivan would like to expedite the action on this request. Chief believes that the Traffic Department may have the inventory and equipment to complete the request.

5. June Gallo, 67 Elmer Avenue. Requesting speed detectors and or speed humps at Elmer Avenue. There is increased speeding by motorist at 8:00am and 2:30PM.
6. Kathryn Grave, 117 Whitney Avenue. Requesting Speed Hump at Eli Road between Davis and Whitney Avenue.

Chief Sullivan's response: Davis Street is currently being reviewed with the legislative Council and request for traffic and feasibility study has been out to bid. The traffic department has been working with the Town Engineer Director, Mark Austin to reword the bid request to include more traffic calming through that corridor.

Mark Austin's response - Currently working with the Traffic Department to reword some of the concerns of the legislative counsel and residents to have a comprehensive study that can create other projects into the future.

7. Josephine Wilson, 222 Welton Street. Requesting Community Block Party Approval at 222 Welton Street on August 7, 2021 from 11:00AM to 7:00PM. Rain date August 8, 2021 from 11:00AM to 7:00PM.

***The Traffic Authority has approved all Block Party Requests**

8. Maria Schwerdtle, 77 Furman Road. Requesting Community Block Party Approval at 222 Welton Street on July 17, 2021 from 11:00AM to 4:00PM. Rain date July 18, 2021 from 11:00AM to 4:00PM. (Request previously approved by LTA).

***The Traffic Authority has approved all Block Party Requests**

9. MaryAnn Lynn, Dexil Corporation. Requesting traffic calming or a "No Tracker Trailer Parking" sign on the corner of Hamden Park Drive and Columbus Street. Tracker trailers park on Columbus Street and cause severe blockage to their driveway entrance.

Chief Sullivan's response: Will send the Traffic Division out to assess the location and will provide TA recommendations at the next TA meeting.

10. Sami Josh, Bear Path Neighborhood Watch Group. Requesting a “No Littering” sign on Hume Drive and within the vicinity of Bear Path School.
11. Inez Zackery, 79 First Street. Requesting Community Block Party Approval at 79 First Street (between First and Second Street) on July 31, 2021 from 3:00PM to 9:00PM. Rain date August 14, 2021 from 3:00PM to 9:00PM.
12. Monroe Street. Requesting “Stop Sign” between Marion and Monroe Street and a dead-end street sign placed above the street sign. There is extreme blockage from bushes and trees which causes a hazardous turn onto a dead end street.

Chief Sullivan’s response: Will send the Traffic Division out to assess the location and will provide TA recommendations at the next TA meeting.

13. Rebecca Rowley, 48 Thompson Street, Requesting speed calming measures and enforcement on Dixwell Avenue at Middle School and Town Park.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Oliver, Cherry Ann Street, Speed Hump Request- Twelve signatures have been confirmed, and will now register the approval for the speed hump installation. The signatures total 80% of the resident body which include both Hamden and New Haven Residents. Both Municipalities will need to provide approvals for the installation of the speed humps. Mr. Oliver recently submitted an application to New Haven and is currently pending. The Traffic Authority is waiting on that decision.

Traffic Count Roads
High Meadow Road
Arcadia Road
175 Howard Drive
Willard Street
Marietta Street
Ramo

June 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 Traffic Selective Enforcement Report

Woodin & Pine Rock	9
Pine Rock	11
Brook Street and Wintergreen	1
Brook Street	1
Cherry Ann Street (dead end)	1
Augur Street	6
Gilbert Avenue	3
Whitney Avenue and Waite Street	5
Whitney Avenue	10
Waite Street	2
West Side Drive	3
Todd Street (near the Canal)	8
Tuttle Avenue	3
Helen Street	8
Kenwood (near Sleeping Giant)	8
West Todd Street	5
High Top Circle (end of Shepard Avenue)	3
West Todd	3
Davis Street	2
Ann's Farm Road	10

6. NEW BUSINESS

1. Leonard Reizfeld, 10 Marietta Street – Request “No Parking” Signs at 10 Marietta Street.

Chief Sullivan’s recommendations: Chief Sullivan suggests that Mr. Reizfeld installs his own sign for “No Parking” at 10 Marietta Street since it is on private property.

Commissioner, Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to deny the request for a “No Parking” Signs at 10 Marietta Street. Commissioner, Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. Residents of Eramo Terrace, Eramo Terrace – Request “No Parking” Signs at 172 Eramo Terrace.

Chief Sullivan’s recommendations: There are no accident surveys reported from this location, and there is line of sight for traffic. The recommendation is to deny the request.

Commissioner, Larry Esposito made a motion to deny the request for a “No Parking” Signs at 172 Eramo Terrace. Commissioner, Cherlyn Poindexter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Mark Satchwell, 75 Spring Garden Street – Speed Hump request at Spring Garden Street between Ridge Road and Swarthmore Street.

Chief Sullivan’s recommendations: There was a speed & volume study conducted which monitored the vehicles on the street. There were approximately 250 vehicles monitored per day. Streets should have an average of 3,000 vehicles per day. Streets with less than 500 vehicles per day are not considered for speed humps. This request does not meet the requirement for a speed hump installation and would not recommend this request.

Commissioner, Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to deny the Speed Hump request at Spring Garden Street between Ridge Road and Swarthmore Street. Commissioner, Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

4. Greg Foster, 531 West Woods Road- Request “No Parking” signs at 531 West Woods Road.

Chief Sullivan’s recommendations: There is no parking for 25 feet in and the resident is 118 feet away from the stop sign. The Resident has been advised to contact the Police Department if motorists are blocking his Drive way for the PD to take further action. Both the Traffic Division and Authority recommends to deny the request.

Commissioner, Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to deny the Speed Hump request at Spring Garden Street between Ridge Road and Swarthmore Street. Commissioner, Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

5. Sami Josh, on behalf of the Bear Path Neighborhood Watch Group – Request for accident data and evaluation of speed at the intersection of Earl Avenue Ext. and Four Rod Road, and Hume Drive (during/outside of school hours), and for Sky View Circle.

Chief Sullivan’s recommendations: Chief Sullivan provided the UConn Crash AADT data request, also can be found online. Below are some of the accident data results from 2018 -2021. Speed analysis from February to March data covered 40,000 vehicles with posted speed limit signs ranging from 25-35. 65% of the vehicles travel on the posted vehicle speed limit and 35% travel above the speed limit. The Traffic Department has new equipment to improve the line of sight if it anything needs to be trimmed.

Streets	Accidents
Earl Avenue	1
Four Rod Road	6
Hume Drive	0
Sky View Circle	3

6. Rose Brazzelle, 19 Elliot Drive – 2019 requested emergency installation of a Traffic Light, or a 4-Way Stop Sign at the intersection of Elliot Drive, Woodin Street, and Wilmot Road.

There was a study conducted by WSP and currently evaluating the recommendations. Chief Sullivan recommends to table the request upon further review and recommendations such as street markings and speed compliance units.

Town Engineer, Mark Austin Recommendations- The study recommended speed compliance, street markings, and speed humps. Cost effective measures would be to add Speed compliance units and street markings. Funding would come from capital accounts and Town Budget. The roads that are currently be considered are currently in Hamden. Mark Austin is currently working on grants the (State Local Bridge Grant has been awarded, and the 50/50 Grant) and have made efforts to contact the City of New Haven to address the concerns and the maintenance of the roads or bridges on New Haven property. The focus is to work on the areas of where the Bridges, foliage and to work near the New Haven Hosing Authority. Mark Austin is currently looking to apply for the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program Grant.

Commissioner, Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to Table” the 2019 request emergency installation of a Traffic Light, or a 4-Way Stop Sign at the intersection of Elliot Drive, Woodin Street, and Wilmot Road. Commissioner, Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

7. Christine Ferrucci, 74 Arcadia Ave. – Request for Speed Hump on Arents Road and Battis Road between Circular Avenue.

Chief Sullivan’s recommendations: Chief Sullivan recommends to “Table” the request for a Speed Hump on Arents Road and Battis Road between Circular Avenue in effort to clarify the speed hump location.

Commissioner, Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to Table” the request for a Speed Hump on Arents Road and Battis Road between Circular Avenue. Commissioner, Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

8. Matthew Nolan, 55 High Meadow Road – Request for Speed Hump on High Meadow Road between Hawley Road and Jesswig Drive.

Chief Sullivan’s recommendations: There will be a speed & volume study conducted which will monitor the vehicles on the street and provide recommendations and assess the location. The TA recommendations will be provided at the next TA meeting. Chief Sullivan recommends to table this request.

Commissioner, Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to Table” the request for Speed Hump on High Meadow Road between Hawley Road and Jesswig Drive. Commissioner, Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

7. OLD BUSINESS (Action Items)

1. Alan Gold, 95 Todd Street - Request “No Left Turn” onto Todd Street heading south on Shepard Avenue. Also, suggest access to Whitney Avenue should be a left turn coming from West Todd Street. **Tabled (LTA UPDATE) (ACTION ITEM)**

Chief Sullivan’s recommendations: The Traffic Department contacted both Mr. Gold and Mr. Stone to inform them on the weight restriction that was passed for Todd Street. Chief Sullivan recommends to “Table” the request to review the impact on the weight restriction ordinance for the next 6-12 months. The Traffic Department contacted both Mr. Gold and Mr. Stone to inform them on the weight restriction that was passed for Todd Street. Chief Sullivan recommends to “Table” the request to review the impact on the weight restriction ordinance. Signs with the restrictions will be posted as well as detour signs for restricted vehicles. The public will be notified by press releases, social media outlets and informing the truck companies about the changes and enforcement in the ordinance.

Commissioner, Larry Esposito made a motion to Table” the Request “No Left Turn” onto Todd Street heading south on Shepard Avenue. Also, suggest access to Whitney Avenue should be a left turn coming from West Todd Street. Commissioner, Cherlyn Poindexter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. Kyle Stone, 130 Todd Street - Request “No Left Turn” on Shepard Avenue onto Todd Street and a “No Right Turn” off West Todd Street onto Shepard Avenue. **Tabled (LTA UPDATE) (ACTION ITEM)**

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Commissioner, Larry Esposito made a motion to Table” the Request “No Left Turn” onto Todd Street heading south on Shepard Avenue. Also, suggest access to Whitney Avenue should be a left turn coming from West Todd Street. Commissioner, Cherlyn Poindexter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Anthony Migliozi and Mayor Leng– Request In-Street PED Signs at all the Schools.
Tabled (LTA UPDATE) (ACTION ITEM)

Chief Sullivan’s recommendations: The overall cost to install the signs will be \$17,000. There are currently in street pedestrian signs installed. The requested signs would be added signage to the cross walks. There are currently three bids for the request. Chief Sullivan will leave the decision up to the Traffic Authority Commission to approve or deny the request.

Commissioner, Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to Table” the Request In-Street PED Signs at all the Schools until further information is provided. Commissioner, Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

4. Pam Franco, 210 Woodin Street- Request “Stop” Sign on Woodin Street between Pine Rock and Fairview. **Tabled (LTA UPDATE) (ACTION ITEM)** (Traffic Department is looking to work with WSP to conduct a traffic calming study on Woodin Street to Fariview Avenue to Main Street. Jim Mesner will work on completing a traffic calming and a traffic study on Woodin Street.)

Chief Sullivan’s recommendations: There was a study conducted by WSP and the TA is currently evaluating the recommendations. Chief Sullivan recommends to table the request upon further review and recommendations.

Commissioner, Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to Table” the Request “Stop” Sign on Woodin Street between Pine Rock and Fairview. Tabled (LTA UPDATE) (ACTION ITEM) (Traffic Department is looking to work with WSP to conduct a traffic calming study on Woodin Street to Fariview Avenue to Main Street. Commissioner, Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner, Larry Esposito made a motion to adjourn the July 12, 2021 meeting. Commissioner, Cherlyn Poindexter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.