

Town of Mansfield Traffic Authority
Minutes of the Meeting, August 2, 2012

Present: Hart, Hultgren, Meitzler, Painter, Raiola

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM. The minutes of the 5/29/12 meeting were reviewed and no corrections made.

Ravine Road – no change, still waiting for DOT response to our request for additional wayfinding signs approaching UConn from the west.

South Eagleville Road “walk facing traffic” sign request – no change, still waiting for DOT response.

Route 275 (west of Separatist Road) request for pedestrian/bicycle improvements – no change, still waiting for DOT report. This will be on the Transportation Advisory Committee’s August 30th meeting agenda as well.

Route 89 and Mt Hope Road – no change, Hultgren to contact the DOT project manager for an update.

Construction traffic/Storrs Center – no issues.

Commercial Traffic on Bone Mill Road – Hultgren to contact the Peter Pan bus company.

Willowbrook Road traffic concerns – signs are up on either end of Willowbrook; Engr is looking at possible intersection changes for the future if traffic increases materialize.

Gurleyville Road curve – Chevron and arrow signs are up and the curve sign was moved to the west.

Hunting Lodge/Separatist Road intersection – the suggestion to make this a 3 way stop was discussed, but members did not believe this was warranted or would significantly improve the safety of this intersection.

Slow Children/Crosswalk request on Merrow Road (at the new Dance Studio) – Slow Children signs were approved in both directions, but a crosswalk was not.

Removal of signs on Route 195 (UConn request) – no change, still waiting for a response from DOT.

Employee parking areas at Town Hall – the map and guidelines for employee parking in the Town Hall and Community Center lots will be recirculated to Town Hall employees as a reminder of where they are supposed to park.

Northwood request for “walk facing traffic” signs on North Eagleville Road – since a new walkway will soon be constructed on the north side of North Eagleville Road between Northwood and Hunting Lodge Roads, members felt it would not be appropriate to place these signs at this time.

EO Smith Crew Road Race – approved with the usual stipulations (abide by all traffic laws, notify emergency services, coordinate with Resident State Trooper’s office).

Camp Challenge Ride – ditto.

Huskython Canning Request (North Eagleville/Route 195) – members expressed serious safety concerns about having students in and out of the traffic on Town/State roadways; however, since this is a state intersection the request will be forwarded to the DOT.

Davis Road speed hump request – this road’s ADT was less than 400 vehicles per day the last time it was checked and therefore did not meet the minimum traffic criteria for speed hump consideration. This was referred to the DPW for to update the traffic count this fall.

Mansfield Center Sidewalk paving request – this will be discussed with the Historic District Commission at its September meeting. It is possible that a colored, stamped bituminous material made to look like cobblestones could satisfy the historic look requirements.

Request for signal or warning beacon at the EO Smith exit driveway (for the group bus exit) – Hultgren explained that mid-block signals and warning beacons are no longer authorized by the DOT, but he will discuss with the Storrs Center Traffic Engineer to see if there are any other options for the District.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren
Director of Public Works