

Town of Mansfield Traffic Authority
Minutes of the Meeting – May 24, 2011

Present: Hart, Hultgren, Meitzler, Jackman, Padick, Painter

There were no corrections to the minutes for the April 26, 2011 meeting.

Pedestrian awareness campaign – no response from UConn recently. Hultgren will try contacting William Went to see if there is any interest from a transportation perspective.

Safety improvements, 72 Mansfield City Road – No response from DOT on the request to make the signals at the frontage roads flash red instead of yellow – Hultgren will check with DOT to determine the status of this request. Meitzler handed out a plan for 90 feet of guardrail along Mansfield City Road just north of Meadowbrook Road. After some discussion, Meitzler agreed to extend the railing one section to the north, making the run 100 feet. With the understanding that the property owner of the corner property (along which this section of railing will run), members approved the installation.

Pedestrian safety along Route 32 – DOT was unwilling to do anything to increase pedestrian safety on Route 32 near the Windham Town line, but did say that the Towns could make the improvements on the state's right of way. Members felt that this area of 32 could serve many people from Pleasant Valley, Woods, Buckingham and Thornbush Roads and suggested these projects should be added to the Town's priority walkway planning document. Engineering staff will work up the data for the proposals and ask the Transportation Advisory Committee to consider adding it to the priority walkway list.

Hillyndale Road traffic concerns – no traffic data acquired as yet as the Town's traffic classifying equipment is being repaired. This is also the case for Baxter Road and Hanks Hill Roads.

Traffic concerns on Ravine Road – Questionnaires have not yet been sent to the property owners on Ravine Road asking for comment on both closing off the dirt section of the road and closing it in the winter months. Hultgren said that he had contact UConn facilities about a series of directional signs on Route 32 directing people up to North Eagleville Road to get to UConn, but needed a proposal to present to them. Meitzler said he would draft up a proposed series of signs for their consideration.

Storrs Center Parking Regulations -- Hultgren passed out proposed changes for the Town's parking regulations to deal with parking violations in and around the Storrs Center development. Discussion took place, but no action was taken. Hultgren will circulate an updated draft to Authority members prior to the June meeting.

Stop sign request, Hanks Hill Road at Stone Mill Road – this request was discussed but not action taken. Meitzler will review the intersection once again to see if any action is warranted.

Memorial Day Parade road closures – the closing of Route 195, Bassetts Bridge Road and Cemetery Road were approved for May 30th's Memorial Day activities.

Tri-State Trek bicycle tour – approved for July 22-24, 2011 subject to the usual conditions (satisfaction of the Resident State Trooper, public notifications, etc.)

Storrs Center parking garage – The PZC Chairman's letter expressing concern over the intersection just south of the parking garage and intermodal center was discussed. No action was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren
Director of Public Works