

Town of Mansfield Traffic Authority
Minutes of the Meeting – October 25, 2011

Present: Hultgren, Meitzler, Painter, Cournoyer, Sprague-Weiss (Bassetts Bridge Road – guest)

The meeting began at approximately 9:38 am and there were no corrections to the minutes of the September 27, 2011 meeting.

72 Mansfield City Road – a guardrail contractor has been hired to install the short section of guardrail along Mansfield City Road.

Hillyndale, Baxter, Hanks Hill Road – the results of the traffic data taken on October 11, 2011 on Baxter Road south of Route 195 was reviewed, and the 85% speeds were below the action level for speed humps. The requesting party will be notified and the matter referred to Cournoyer for continued enforcement. Hillyndale and Hanks Hill Roads remain in the queue for traffic data.

Ravine Road – Hultgren met with UConn representatives to discuss signage on Route 32. They expressed a desire to use conventional directional signs (MUTCD) on Routes 44 and 32 rather than a custom sign along Route 32 prior to Ravine Road. A field trip has been set up for later this month to establish the locations on Routes 44 and 32 for these signs. Hultgren said he would like to proceed with a custom sign to be placed on North Eagleville Road just east of the Bone Mill Road intersection. The sign was reviewed and approved by consensus.

Bassetts Bridge Road – Sprague-Weiss explained her concerns about speed on Bassetts Bridge Road and sight distance at the South Bedlam Road intersection. She reiterated her request for stop signs at this intersection noting that the limited sight lines might warrant them. After discussion, it was agreed to check on the sight distance at the intersection, to see if there is no streetlight at this intersection, to check the location or need for a stop bar, and to look for a location where the speed trailer could be placed. Additionally, Windham or the DOT will be contacted regarding the apparent lack of lighting opposite Route 203 at the Route 203/Route 6 intersection.

Depot Road – has been monitored for speed since the last meeting. Meitzler will spot check them again this week.

Chaffeeville Road – Has been added to the locations for spot speed enforcement. Hultgren will continue to look for a place to set up the speed trailer near the southern end of the road.

Roundabout at Birch/Hunting Lodge Roads – The pavement has been repaired and Meitzler handed out delay data he had obtained at the roundabout. After discussion, it was felt that the roundabout was working as expected, but a larger yield sign on the eastbound leg of Birch Road entering the roundabout should be installed. The DPW will order and install this sign. Hultgren will inform the resident who expressed concern about the area.

Walk facing traffic sign request – Signs for Hunting Lodge Road extension have yet to be ordered and installed.

Parking along Carriage House Drive – Painter handed out a sketch showing additional parking along Carriage House Drive to enable cars to be parked in the area without blocking the traveled way. After review, the plan was approved with the understanding that the parking will be off the traveled way.

Streetlights on Adeline Place – the petition/letter received requesting the Town pay for the streetlights on Adeline Place was reviewed. Noting that the Town’s policy is to provide lighting at intersections, Town facilities and dangerous curves/locations for public safety, the lights on Adeline Place do not meet this criteria. Painter will correspond with the requesting parties explaining the Town’s policy.

Revisions to the Town’s Parking Ordinance and Parking fines – Hultgren passed out a revised proposal from the Storrs Center Parking Steering Committee for the Authority’s review. The additions to the regulations and parking fines were endorsed with some minor editing. These will now go back to the steering committee and then to the Town Council for adoption.

Request for footpath on Route 89 in Mansfield Center – this request is for the exact area that the Town’s recent Safe Roads to School grant application addressed. Painter will communicate this to the requesting person.

Handicapped crossing signs on Route 195 at EO Smith – this was discussed with Ms. Gerlach and suggestions were offered as to how to get this suggestion to the appropriate approving agencies (EO Smith and the DOT).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren
Director of Public Works