

Town of Mansfield Traffic Authority
Minutes of the Meeting – December 29, 2011

Present: Hultgren, Jackman, Meitzler, Painter, Dziadus & Steahr (18 Farmstead Road)

The minutes of the November 22, 2011 meeting were reviewed and no corrections made.

Safety improvements near 72 Mansfield City Road – the guardrail along Mansfield City Road just north of Meadowbrook has been installed. Hultgren will check on the request to DOT to modify the signals on Mansfield City Road at the Frontage Road intersections to blink red instead of yellow during late-night hours.

Speed hump requests – Hultgren said that an updated speed data spreadsheet was now available if any of the Traffic Authority members need it.

Ravine Road traffic concerns – Still waiting a response from the DOT regarding the request for additional wayfinding signs approaching UConn from the west. The Town's sign to be placed on North Eagleville Road advising drivers not to use Ravine Road as a short-cut to Route 32 has been made and will be erected shortly.

Sign requests – walk left facing traffic – Have been received and will be erected on Hunting Lodge Road shortly. DOT was contacted for permission to place them on South Eagleville Road between Maple and Separatist, but has not been heard from as yet.

Storrs Center Parking Steering Committee recommendations – Hultgren briefed Authority members on the revisions to the Town's parking regulations recommended by the Steering Committee and currently with the Town Attorney. He will circulate them as soon as they are received from Attorney O'Brien.

PZC Referral, Cumberland Farms at 4 Corners – This was a resubmittal of a previous site plan application, and the Authority's comments made previously will be resubmitted by Painter.

PZC Referral, East Brook Mall expansion – Authority members expressed concerns over the location of the new curb cut to 195, sight distances at each of the (new) north corners of the mall building, confusion at the new intersection and the 1-way drive along the existing waterway. Painter will draft a communication summarizing these concerns.

Route 275 pedestrian safety concerns – the letter received by Feyers expressing concern over pedestrian safety on Route 275 west of Separatist Road was discussed. As this is a state highway, this matter will be referred to the DOT for study and recommendations.

Route 89 at Mt Hope Road sightline concerns – a recent accident involving the limited sight distance for making the left turn onto Mt Hope Road was brought to Hultgren's attention. He will check with the DOT regarding the status of the Town-requested intersection improvement project at this location.

Temporary closure of Dog Lane – Hultgren explained that due to the foundation changes in the Storrs Center parking garage, some of the precast elements of the structure will have to be delivered from the North (Dog Lane) end of the garage. He said that with the utility construction in Dog Lane in February and the delivery trucks, it may be necessary to close Dog Lane temporarily during some of the workdays. He said he would bring more details on this to the January Traffic Authority meeting.

Bus stop request near 758 Storrs Road – the Engineering office was again contacted requesting WRTD bus stops on Route 195 near the north end of the Clover Mill Loop. The busses had tried stopping on Clover Mill Road, but had difficulty getting back onto Route 195 at the end intersections. He said the Engineering Division would make some sketches and estimates for these stops and ask the Transportation Advisory Committee for its opinion as to whether these stops are needed. The matter will come back to the Traffic Authority at a future meeting.

Lynnwood and Separatist Road parking concerns – Dziadus and Steahr explained that the parking along Lynnwood and Separatist Roads during the recent home soccer games was blocking the traveled way making emergency services access to the neighborhood impossible. They said that as far as they knew even though the police were called, no tickets were issued. Members of the Authority will discuss this with Resident State Trooper Cournoyer to determine a course of action.

Lighting request for the gravel Southeast School parking lot – As the request was made for lighting for people parking in this lot and walking to the school for nighttime activities, members felt that this was not a traffic safety problem and referred the matter back to building maintenance.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren
Director of Public Works