

Town of Mansfield – Traffic Authority  
Minutes of the Meeting, April 24, 2012

Present: Hart, Hultgren, Meitzler, Painter, Cournoyer, van Zelm (Downtown Partnership), Soroka, Wright, Bansal, Nollet, and Schurn (Willowbrook Road)

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM. No changes were made to the draft minutes.

72 Mansfield City Road – Hultgren said he had still not heard definitively from DOT Traffic about changing the signals at night on Mansfield City Road.

Ravine Road/UConn Directional Signs – still waiting word from DOT

Walk facing left sign request for South Eagleville Road – still waiting word from DOT.

Rte 275 pedestrian/bicycle safety – was referred to DOT; waiting on their report. Hultgren has corresponded with Mr. Feyers and data for this stretch of highway will be gathered by the DPW.

Route 89/Mt Hope Road intersection – still no progress report on the proposed DOT intersection project.

Storrs Center construction traffic – no new concerns at this time

Commercial traffic on Bone Mill Road – Hultgren circulated the recent traffic classification data noting that the number of small trucks was 1.1% (9 in 24 hrs) and the number of larger trucks or busses was 0.6% (5 in 24 hrs). After discussion, Hart will call UConn Dining Services to ask that their Cisco trucks not use this road and Hultgren will contact Peter Pan bus lines to ask that they not use this road as a route to the campus as well.

Willowbrook Road – Several residents from Willowbrook Road presented their concerns regarding an expected increase of traffic on Willowbrook once the new parking garage is opened. Mr. Wright gave a power point presentation and presented data they had gathered on the time it took to travel from the garage site to Route 195 at various times of the day. They concluded that at certain times of the day it will be faster to use Willowbrook Road than to use Dog Lane to connect to Rte 195 north of Dog Lane. They expressed their concerns for neighborhood safety and presented several alternatives to prevent additional shot-cut traffic. (These alternatives included closing one end of the road, restricting turns into Willowbrook from Dog Lane, reconfiguring the island at Willowbrook and Oak Hill and signage to prevent through traffic.) After discussion, the matter was referred to staff to gather more information and data and it will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Gurleyville Road curve near Pumping Station Road – referred to Engineering for investigation and recommendations.

Storrs Center grand opening – van Zelm presented ideas concerning the grand opening planned for Storrs Center (phase 1A) on September 26<sup>th</sup>. She asked if Dog Lane might be closed for this event. Authority members suggested instead that the event be held in the parking lot(s) along Dog Lane just north of the phase 1A buildings, citing that the closing of Dog Lane would likely send traffic down Willowbrook Road.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren  
Director of Public Works