

**Town of Mansfield
Traffic Authority Meeting
November 25, 2014
Approved Minutes**

Present – J. Carrington, D. Dilaj, M. Hart, Sgt. R. Cournoyer, F. Raiola

Absent - M. Kiefer, L. Painter

Guests – R. Baber (The First Mile), C. vanZelm (D.P.)

Approval of 10/28/14 and 11/3/14 Minutes; – Motion made by Dilaj, seconded by Raiola to approve the minutes of 10/28/14 and 11/3/14. Passed unanimously.

Business

No.	Item	Action/Disposition
1	Request to State for Rte. 89 safety assessment (1052)	ConnDOT to conduct safety assessment; still waiting on word from ConnDOT; Patenaude contacted Kevin at ConnDot. Survery is almost complete. Patenaude to contact Kevin at ConDot again for an update. Patenaude made a couple of attempts to contact Kevin at ConnDot with no response. Will try to find another contact person. Continue under old business.
2	Jay Walking near Dog Lane	Carrington talked to ConnDot. ConnDOT/OSTA not willing to budge for additional crosswalk. Carrington will have follow up conversation with contact person, continue under old business.
3	Town Hall/MCC Parking Lot	Parking lot has been reclaimed and repaved. The entry has been changed and signage and pavement markings need to be completed. Continue under old business.
4	Route 195/Puddin Lane Bus Stop Location	Nothing heard from Natchaug Hospital or WRTD.
5	Mansfield Hollow Road Bus Stop	R. LeClerc from the Mansfield Board of Education stated that the full size bus cannot take a left from Mansfield Hollow Road to Mansfield Hollow Road Ext. with the island there. Easiest fix would be to remove the island. Painter will talk to Rudy Favretti about any historic issues the island may or may not be related to. After pothole is repaired, LeClerc will report back as to status after pothole is repaired. Patenaude to e-mail LeClerc as to status of the bus being able to turn now that the pothole as been repaired. Patenaude to e-mail Painter to see if she contacted Favretti for any historic meaning to the island. Leave as old business.

NEW BUSINESS

6	School Bus Stop Ahead Sign on Gurleyville Road by Charles Lane	Carrington and Kiefer to review before signs are installed. Nothing new to report. Leave as old business.
7	Dunham Pond Road Traffic Concerns	Kiefer said 3 blind corners, one with ledge outcropping – cars and pedestrian meeting would be tight. Carrington suggested another possibility would be to install mirrors on blind corners at owner’s expense. Another expensive option would be to pop the ledge out of one corner. Patenaude to send a note to residents to see if a possible consensus for a solution among the residents for the blind curves. Letters were sent to individuals. Noted there is a new contact for the association Keep under old business.
8	“No On Street Parking” Signs Holly Drive (P. Hempel)	Dilaj looked at other Universities on how they handled the parking issue. Outcome was to wait and see if more problems came in in other areas and to monitor this area.
9	No Parking Signs on Browns Road (J. Kaufman)	Resident at 12 September concerned about parking in front of their house for access to Nipmuck trail. J. Kaufman to contact resident and arrange an on-site meeting to go over issues. Patenaude to contact Kaufman for an update. Leave as old business.

OTHER BUSINESS

10	Loading Zone Striping Outside of CVS on Royce Circle (C. vanZelm)	Major problem is location of the Loading Zone sign (in the first “spot” of the zone). Truck unloading is between 7 am and 12 pm. Will put up new signs in the loading zone area and evaluate in the spring.
11	Bus Zone Striping Outside of Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center on Royce Circle	Area has the crosswalk brick paver. Residents are using spot to go into the liquor store. Cournoyer said to specify times and make sure enforcement is in place stating that violators will be towed.
12	Route 195 at Whitney Hall Scholl Crossing (State Project No. 172-423)	Motion made by Dilaj, seconded by Cournoyer that there is no need for an information meeting to upgrade the signs. Passed unanimously. Hart signed letter. Patenaude will forward to State.

13	Willi Whammer Half Marathon – May 2, 2015 (R. Baber - The First Mile)	R. Baber present stating the race went thru Town for approximately two miles and roughly an hour and a quarter. Cournoyer stated that the Fire Police are cheaper than State Police for road monitoring and they need to be at key intersections. Mr. Baber is to check with Chief Dagon on the use of fire police. Motion made by Raiola, seconded by Cournoyer to accept with the conditions of fire police coverage and standard conditions. Passed unanimously. Patenaude to e-mail conditions to Rich Baber.
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14	Bruegger's Parking (C. vanZelm)	Four or five spaces with one reserved for emergency/police vehicles. Temporary paint markings need to be installed and/or 30 minute parking signs to keep consistent with other areas in the downtown. Keep as old business.
15	Route 275 and 195 Cat Tracking	Street lamp hit twice on the corner within a six week period. Suggestions from Committee was to possibly use a reflective strip on the light, move lamp to the north. Dilaj to check and come back to Committee with recommendations. Keep as old business.
16	Synchronizing Traffic Signals Down 195	Pedestrian crossing buttons will affect traffic lights and take them out of sync. The other problem would be that all green lights would increase speed. No action required.
17	Truck Brakes	Dilaj looked up regulations for the use of Jake brake on trucks in Connecticut. Raiola was uncomfortable to someone using their Jake brake when it would affect safety. The other question is is the Jake brake installed properly. Since there are no regulations in Connecticut they cannot enforce. No action required.
18	Mansfield Hollow Dam Parking Area Changes	Dilaj measured 275 feet of sight distance which meets standards, except it involves two driveways. Can Lot #1 and Lot #2 be connected and can it be smaller than use of the entire field to preserve the field. Dilaj to prepare something for Hart signature. Keep as old business.

Adjournment – Carrington adjourned the meeting at 11:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Patenaude
Public Works Specialist