

**Town of Mansfield
Traffic Authority Meeting
May 26, 2015 10:30 am
Approved Minutes**

Present – J. Carrington, L. Painter, F. Raiola, Sgt. R. Cournoyer

Absent, B. LaVoie, M. Hart, D. Dilaj,

Guests – D. Smith (Ravine Road property owner), J. Bell and E. Wicks (Puppet Museum)

Approval of 4/28/15 and 5/20/15 Minutes; – Motion made by Painter, seconded by Cournoyer to approve the minutes of 4/28/15 and 5/20/15. Passed unanimously.

Business

No.	Item	Action/Disposition
1	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. C. van Zelm to write letter to DOT. Van Zelm sent follow up letter to Sawicki at DOT. Continue under old business.
2	Mansfield Hollow Road Bus Stop	Patenaude talked to Bailey at the bus garage – bus still cannot make turn. Patenaude to e-mail Painter to see if she contacted Favretti for any historic meaning to the island. L. Patenaude to send e-mail to G. Bruhn to advise us of the Public Hearing details so BOE, Durham Bus Services and Traffic Authority can attend. Leave as old business.
3	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. Resident was due back in town late December. Leave as old business.
4	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. ConnDot would not authorize cat tracking. J. O'Connor from DOT stated both accidents were not due to the lack of cat tracking. Carrington to look into possibly reflective material on the median and to take pictures of the cat tracking at Routes 32 and 195. Carrington sent e-mail with pictures. Ohlund following up with DOT. Keep as old business.

5	Agriculture Signs Throughout Town (K. Paterson)	K. Paterson representing the Agriculture Committee is requesting agriculture signs be posted in multiple areas (due to an accident between a farm vehicle and a motor vehicle). It was requested that the Agriculture Committee come back to the Traffic Authority with a list of areas and that they be prioritized in order of need. Patenaude submitted e-mail with prices for signs. Leave as old business.
6	Scoping for the University of Connecticut South Campus Development (L. Painter)	L. Painter presented the new scoping notice to the Traffic Authority with an addition to the Fine Arts building and as part of the scoping road closures are involved. Presentation to be done on March 11th with full comments to the project needed by March 19 th . Traffic Authority expressed concerns with the road closures and its impact on pedestrian and vehicular traffic on Route 195. Traffic Authority will need to be kept apprised of all impacts throughout the project. Keep as old business.
7	<p>Move Handicapped Spaces (Storrs Road, Royce Circle) (C. van Zelm) /</p> <p>CVS Loading Zone as Permanent Loading Zone (C. van Zelm) /</p> <p>Striping Area for Buses Outside of Transportation Center (C. van Zelm)</p>	<p>Tenants are concerned the handicapped spaces on the end are not getting cleared from snow. Storrs Road – painting the lines differently would help (flip with the regular space); Royce Circle – curb lines were done specifically for handicapped spots. Possibly make whole area handicapped for the winter with a temporary sign. Plow handicapped spaces during storms. Keep as old business combined with items 11 and 12.</p> <p>Leland hired someone for parking enforcement. Continue to monitor until Phase 2 is done and repairs are made from the construction work. No striping now – continue enforcement as planned. Keep as old business combined with Items 10 and 12.</p> <p>People are parking in the bus spots. Parking enforcement to be done – striping will not be done now. Keep as old business combined with items 10 and 11.</p>
8	Ravine Road (K. Green)	Road is temporarily closed to thru traffic. CL&P has an easement for the power lines. Research to be done for CL&P easement and to check with Town Attorney for abandoning/liability of a Town road. Mr. Drake Smith attended the 5/26/15 meeting with his concerns on keeping the road closed and suggested making the road a One Way Road. The Traffic Authority will bring this up at the next meeting. Keep as old business.

9	Plains Road Bridge (K. Green)	K. Green would like a fence on top of the bridge sides to curb the activity on the bridge deck. Problem with that is that it is costly and the only feasible bridge sides would be suicide sides which take approximately three feet away from plowing space. Sgt. Cournoyer will have troopers start monitoring more which will slowly make the activity go away. Dilaj will check out fencing and other options. Keep as old business.
10	Signing of Meadowood Road for No Parking	Issue with a particular house and complaints about occupancy parking. Putting up signs would be difficult as it affects all single family resident neighborhoods. It will be monitored for now. Same as other areas in Town, no signs will be put up.
11	Road Adjacent to Moe's Make Private/One Way Road	Private Road in back to make one way. Will need to go to PZC as it's a modification to the plan. Entrance would be the 195 end. C. van Zelm to contact K. Delany (Manager of The Oaks. Keep as old business.
12	Additional Handicapped on Royce Circle	Colleen Shashok (on behalf of Janibeth Johnson) read a letter Ms. Johnson wrote about the lack of handicapped spaces in the vicinity of the UConn Health Center and the UConn Dental Offices. Van Zelm will set up a meeting with the UConn Health Center and Carrington to express the public's concern about the lack of the handicapped parking. Extra spaces were given for the Health Center in the Garage. Keep as old business.

NEW BUSINESS

13	2015 National Puppetry Festival – August 15, 2015 (E. Wicks)	Approximately 400 puppeteers will be in attendance from around the country. Parade route was explained and duration is expected to be approximately 20 minutes long. Suggestion was made to have Fire Police at the road next to Moe's to cover congestion there. Motion made by Painter, seconded by Cournoyer to approve event subject to event conditions and operational plan. Passed unanimously.
14	Twenty Fourth Annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour Fund Raiser – August 15, 2015 (S. Stevens)	Discussion over whose responsibility it was to mark the roads in the adjoining Towns. Patenaude to advise event coordinator to make sure that they know the other Towns are responsible for marking their own roads as in the past, Mansfield has marked all the roads for the courses. Motion made by Painter, seconded by Raiola to approve event subject to event conditions and operational plan. Passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Adjournment –Carrington adjourned the meeting at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Patenaude
Public Works Specialist