

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
TRAFFIC AUTHORITY MEETING
October 25, 2016 – 9:00 am
Draft Meeting Minutes

Members Present: J. Carrington, D. Dilaj, L. Painter, B. LaVoie, F. Raiola, R. Cournoyer, M. Hart

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by John Carrington.

Approval of Minutes

September 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes – Motion made by D. Dilaj and seconded by R. Cournoyer to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- a. **Speed Limits at Storrs Center** (F. Raiola) – *Raiola stated that the speed limit through Storrs Center was 25mph and was almost hit. The State Traffic Commission has to review speed limits to lower them. Raiola consulted with Cournoyer with his recommendation it was to lower the speed limit to 15 mph. Research will be done to see if 25 mph was approved and do traffic counts. State Traffic Commission needs to approve if speed limit is reduced to 15mph. Waiting until businesses are completed then traffic will be checked. 25 mph speed limit sign is mounted. F. Raiola suggested to evaluate as business sector grows. Review in the fall and determine the capacity of the business sector. Wilbur Cross Way will be studied once the buildout is complete to determine if the speed limit should be changed to 15 mph. **Leave as old business.***
- b. **E.O. Smith / Bolton Road Extension** – *Motion made by Dilaj, seconded by LaVoie to contact DOT to determine if turning area is warranted (signal arrow) on Bolton Road Extension. Passed unanimously. Letter needs to be sent to OSTA requesting light with green arrow. Letter has been sent to DOT – not heard back yet. Still waiting to hear from OSTA. **Leave as old business.***
- c. **Traffic Signal at the Intersection of Route 32 and Route 31** (S. Mitchell) – *Light at the Intersection would not solve the problem as it would be in conflict with the flashing light at the drive-in causing more congestion. A letter will be sent to the State requesting a study to be done to install a traffic light at that intersection. Letter sent to the State to conduct study as both roads are State roads. Letter received by CTDOT, they are looking into it. Still waiting to hear from CTDOT. **Leave as old business.***
- d. **Traffic Signal Request at the Intersection of Old Kent Road and Route 32** (L. Sweeney) – *J. Carrington asked for input from the two residents. L. Sweeney stated the sight distance is poor and she has seen two accidents at this location. The owner of 53 Stafford Road parks cars in the driveway which blocks the sight line. S. Baker is a school bus driver and stated it is hard to get out of that intersection. There are large snow banks in the winter and he cannot go across two lanes. The residents felt this intersection has sight line issues and is a safety concern. J. Carrington suggested to submit a request for the State to do a traffic study for a light. Motion was made by*

*F. Raiola to forward a request to the State to look at the intersection for a traffic light. Motion was seconded by D. Dilaj and passed unanimously. The August 23, 2016 letter requesting a review of the subject intersection to determine if a traffic control signal is warranted was received by OSTA. The letter was forwarded to the Department's Division of Traffic Engineering for their review and response. OSTA # 077-1609-01 has been assigned to this review. **Leave as old business.***

- e. Dangerous Intersections along Route 32 (J. Carrington) – *A letter from CTDOT District II was received on September 6, 2016 in regards to a request from the Traffic Authority. The request for a review of various roads intersecting Route 32, to confirm that they are in accordance with State and Federal standards, and to determine whether improvements can be made to increase motorists' safety, is not something the District Office can provide. The request was forwarded to the Office of Traffic Engineering in Newington. **Leave as old business.***

New Business

- a. **2017 Meeting Schedule** (J. Carrington) – **The meeting schedule for 2017 was circulated. Motion was made by L. Painter, seconded by D. Dilaj, to approve the meeting schedule for the year 2017. Motion passed unanimously.**

Future Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is November 22nd at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Adjournment

Motion made by F. Raiola, seconded by B. LaVoie, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Baczanski
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