



TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT

Traffic Authority Minutes

Regular Meeting

5:30 PM, October 19, 2026

Hamden Government
Center
2nd Floor Conference
Room
2750 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Willis called the Traffic Authority's regular meeting to order at 5:35 PM

2. ATTENDANCE

The Traffic Authority Clerk, Nancy Forvil, took a roll call. Commissioner's present: Willis, White, Zachery, King, Hampton.

Staff: LTA, Stephen White.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Clark

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- a. Approval of minutes of the Traffic Authority's regular meetings on September 14, 2026.

Commissioner Hampton made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 14, 2026. Commissioner King seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There will be a brief summary of the correspondence submitted between the last correspondence update and this one. This includes but is not limited to any correspondence with council members that members wish to submit for the record. It can also include written communication to the council from the administration, community members, etc.

- a. John Murphy, 253 Augur Street — Traffic-calming request on Augur Street or speed hump installation, the stop sign is ignored by motorists.

- b. Dorette Fowlin, 50 Bradley Avenue — Neighborhood concerns about speeding in general on a regular basis. Dog was killed, cars have been damaged (hit & run) and a child was struck between Duane Street and Bradley Avenue. School is close by and many children walk or ride bicycles to school because the bus doesn't pick up on Bradley Avenue due to proximity to the school (Helen Street School). Speed humps on the roadway would go a long way on slowing down the motorists.
- c. Marylou Weinzimmer — I am writing to formally request the installation of a traffic light on the corner of Todd Street and Whitney Avenue. This intersection experiences heavy traffic throughout the day, especially work traffic. It is impossible in the morning and late afternoon to take a left onto Whitney. As one side clears, the other side fills up, and you are just in a holding pattern with cars piling up on Todd Street. I also feel this will slow traffic down, especially during school season, as the students from Quinnipiac are trying to cross and walk on Whitney, which is obviously so dangerous and unsafe for all. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing a response.
- d. SILDA NOLASCO, 80 NOBLE ST—I am writing as a resident of 80 Noble Street in Hamden to bring an important traffic and pedestrian safety concern to your attention regarding the park located directly in front of my home.

Since moving to this residence, I have become increasingly concerned about the speed at which some vehicles travel through this area. The entrance to the park and the street are very close to one another, and children frequently run, walk, and play in and around the park. At times, I have personally observed vehicles traveling fast enough that drivers have had to stop suddenly when children were near or crossing the street. Because the park is used by children and families, I believe additional traffic-safety measures could help make the area safer. I respectfully ask the Town to consider installing slow-down signs, children-at-play signs, pedestrian crossing signs, or other appropriate traffic-control measures near the park to alert drivers that they are entering an area where children and pedestrians are frequently present. I am also concerned about the number of vehicles that remain parked in the area for extended periods, including while children and families are using the park. The park includes a public restroom, and some individuals appear to use the area for extended periods, including sleeping in their vehicles. This has made some parents and families uncomfortable while bringing their children to the park.

I understand that the park is a public space and that everyone has the right to use it. My concern is primarily the safety and comfort of the children and families who use the park, particularly because the street and park entrance are so close together. As a parent and a new resident of the neighborhood, I find it difficult to feel comfortable allowing my children to play at the park or cross the street to access it when vehicles are traveling at high speeds. A public park intended for children should be a place where families can feel safe and comfortable. I respectfully ask the Town of Hamden to please evaluate this area and consider whether additional signage, traffic-calming measures, pedestrian safety improvements, or increased enforcement may be appropriate. I believe taking preventive action now could help avoid a serious accident or injury in the future. Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns and for helping make our neighborhood safer for children, families, pedestrians, and

drivers. I would greatly appreciate any assistance or information regarding what steps can be taken to address this situation.

- e. The engineering department is requesting a partial lane closure on Whitney Avenue from the State CT DOT for traffic safety during Halloween.

Commissioner White made a motion to move correspondence 5e to new business for a vote. Commissioner Hampton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve correspondence 5e in new business. Commissioner Hampton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- f. Douglas Foley - Block party request, Doren Avenue, October 23, 2026, rain date 10/24/2026, 3:00PM-8:00PM
- g. Jennie Ragan — We are wondering if there was any further information about traffic-calming requests in the town. We have lived on Riverside Drive since 2014. Over the course of that time, the speeding coming directly down Riverside Drive and off of the side streets has gotten progressively worse. We've come to the point where we are very hesitant to even take a walk with our children on bikes or scooters in the neighborhood because of how fast the traffic has become. We are very concerned that there is going to be an accident and somebody is going to get hurt and have personally had close calls with speeding vehicles. We think the road would be a very good candidate for a traffic study and imagine we'd be able to get the required number of signatures if submission was still allowed or would be considered on a case by case basis. Please let us know if you have any further information on how we might be able to improve the safety in the neighborhood.
- h. Karen L. Butler, Helen Street School —Requesting a temporary, 1-hour road closure for our annual Ruby Bridges Day celebration and parade on Friday, November 13th; section of Helen Street between Langer Street and Pine Rock Avenue from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM.
Commissioner Hampton made a motion to move correspondence 5h to new business for a vote. Commissioner Zachery seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve correspondence 5e in new business. Commissioner Hampton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

6. REPORTS

Presented by LTA, Stephen White.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(if recommended by the town attorney)

There was no executive session.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Tyrell Tyson, 103 Gorham Avenue — Accessible parking space approval request.
Commissioner Zachery made a motion to approve item 9a. Commissioner King seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
- b. Glenbrook Avenue Residents - Speed hump request on Glenbrook Avenue. Motorists are speeding, hitting parked cars and utility poles. Residents are worried about the children who play in the neighborhood.
Commissioner King made a motion to move item 9b to the traffic-calming list.
Commissioner White seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Hampton made a motion to adjourn the Traffic Authority regular meeting. Commissioner King seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:11 PM.

Meeting recording link below:

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Staff: Stehen White, Town Engineer and LTA.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

LaShawn Jefferson

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- a. Approval of minutes of the Traffic Authority's regular meetings on July 13th and August 10, 2026.

Commissioner Zachery made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 13th and August 10, 2026.. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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- a. Janet Kazienko, 32 Fern Street - Block party request, between Wood & Mather, 9/26 3:00PM-7:00PM, rain date 9/27

Commissioner Hampton made a motion to approve item 5a. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- b. Tyrell Tyson, 103 Gorham Avenue — Accessible parking space approval request.

- c. Glenbrook Avenue Residents - Speed hump request on Glenbrook Avenue. Motorists are speeding, hitting parked cars and utility poles. Residents are worried about the children who play in the neighborhood.

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8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Robert B. Cochran, 687 Ridge Road— I would like to petition the city to install a crosswalk at this important intersection (Ridge Rd, Hartford Tpke, and Robinwood Rd). My wife and infant daughter and I live nearby and frequently cross this busy intersection on walks, and being forced to cross without any crosswalk (despite several sidewalks leading up to it!) creates a great deal of anxiety and is frankly unsafe. Given that the intersection lies in a scenic neighborhood, near a park, and along a route regularly used by the New Haven Bike Club, we frequently see other walkers, runners, and bicyclists also contending with the same problem.

Commissioner White made a motion to refer item 8a to the traffic department to install crosswalk infrastructure when funding is available between Ridge Road and Hartford Turnpike. Commissioner Hampton seconded the motion.

- b. Stephanie Profenna, 29 Myra Road—There's a huge intersection by the firehouse on Hartford Turnpike and Ridge Road. With incoming traffic around the corner, it's hard to cross the street from the dog park or children's playground towards the firehouse. I'm often walking with my baby and dog in tow and don't always feel safe crossing that road.

Commissioner White made a motion to refer item 8b to the traffic department to install crosswalk infrastructure when funding is available between Ridge Road and Hartford Turnpike. Commissioner Hampton seconded the motion.

- c. Eda Bozdemir, 137 Hepburn Road — Please add a crosswalk to this area for safety. (Ridge Rd, Hartford Turnpike, and Robinwood Rd)

Commissioner White made a motion to refer item 8c to the traffic department to install crosswalk infrastructure when funding is available between Ridge Road and Hartford Turnpike. Commissioner Hampton seconded the motion.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Joan King I would like to know how we can improve the safety and extremely excessive auto noise on Ridge Rd and Hartford Tnpk, the streets surrounding the Coptic Church (formerly St Stephen's) in our neighborhood. I have complained to the police and nothing changes. The cars are exceptionally loud, and they tear down Ridge and Hartford Turnpike at extremely dangerous high speeds throughout the day and late at night, especially Friday–Sunday. The cars park and gather in the Coptic

Church lot. We're afraid there will be a tragic accident. The traffic-calming islands do not stop them in the least. Speed humps might be more effective, traffic cameras and police enforcement. I've called the police numerous times. Nothing changes. This is ongoing, every week. No one seems to care to do anything about it. It has kept us up at nights and very distressed. We are a quiet residential neighborhood. I know this has been on the books for a long while now. It's very discouraging. Is there anything more that can be done? Speed humps? Speed Cameras and enforcement? Is anyone else proposing these changes and improvements? Commissioner White made a motion to refer item 9a to the traffic department for a traffic study on a portion of Ridge Road and review the weekend parking lot activity. Commissioner Ladore seconded the motion.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Ladore made a motion to adjourn the Traffic Authority regular meeting. Commissioner Hampton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.

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