

Town of Vernon
Vernon Traffic Authority
Thursday July 11, 2024
In Person

Draft Minutes

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Chief Marc Petruzzi called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. Committee members in attendance were Dwight Ryniewicz, David Smith, Jon-Paul Roden, and Dan Wasilewski.

1. Approval of minutes from April 11, 2024 meeting.

Chief Marc Petruzzi moved to approve the minutes from April 11, 2024. Dan Wasilewski seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. New Business

- Michael Hennessey of 19 Skinner Road asked for signage to be put up near his home letting the public know that a handicapped person lives there. It is dangerous for him to cross the street to get his mail. He is hoping it will make drivers more cautious. All mailboxes are on one side of the road on Skinner. A discussion was had. It was decided that some sort of documentation from a medical professional should be required confirming that he has mobility issues. Chief will follow up with the Mr. Hennessey and request documentation and notify Public Works when it is received.
- There was a concern raised about speeding vehicles on tower Road in the area of the look out. It was requested an additional speed sign be put there. There was a discussion. It was brought up that perhaps it is just isolated incidents and to put up the speed recorders to study the speeds. Dave Smith will check with UConn about borrowing the units to track the speed of vehicles over a period of time. After the study, it will be determined what signage might be needed. Chief Petruzzi will follow up with Parks and Rec.
- Mr. Bill Seidman has requested additional line striping on Upper Wilshire. Mr. Seidman expresses that many people cut the curve short and make a 45 degree turn as opposed to a 90 degree turn. After a discussion it was decided that this did not meet the criteria to add line striping. There is a stop bar at the stop sign and Dwight Ryniewicz will check to see if it could use repainting. Chief Petruzzi will follow up with Mr. Seidman.

With no other items on the agenda, Dan Wasilewski made the motion to approve the agenda items as articulated above, Dwight Ryniewicz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Open Discussion

- Dwight spoke to a citizen that has elderly parents on Loveland Hill Road near the curve behind Olenders that is concerned about the danger of traffic coming around the corner. This road is

more traveled during school season. The suggestion was made to have an officer there at the beginning of the school year to deter speeding.

- Chief Petruzzi informed the committee that the PD has applied for two grants. The funding will be used to purchase a portable message board that can also track and displays speed, 2 speed display signs and one "stealth" speed sign that can be mounted on a pole to track speed

4. Adjournment

Chief Marc Petruzzi moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm. Dave Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting will be August 8,2024

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori Rondinone', written in a cursive style.

Lori Rondinone
Recording Secretary



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7/12/2024

Mr. Bill Seidman
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Mr. Seidman,

At the meeting of the Vernon Traffic Authority, held on 7/11/24, your letter describing your request for line striping on Wilshire Rd was discussed. While the authority understood your concerns with traffic in the area, it was determined that the traffic volume on Wilshire Rd was not sufficient to meet the need for a center line stripe.

With that, Public Works will be in the area to ensure the stop line is sufficiently visible to encourage drivers to make turns of an appropriate radius. I will also be asking my patrol officers to be aware of the issue.

It is my hope that these actions will address your concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chief Marc Petruzzi".

Chief Marc Petruzzi
Chair – Vernon Traffic Commission

Petruzzi, Marc

From: Petruzzi, Marc
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2024 10:10 AM
To: Mike Hennessey
Subject: Skinner Rd Signs

Mr. Hennessey,

I wanted to follow up with you regarding your request for signage in the area of your home on Skinner Rd. The Traffic Authority met last night and your concerns were discussed. There is signage that the town is able to put up in the area of your home to warn traffic of an individual in the area with mobility issues. This can be done by and at the expense of the town.

In order to do so, I would ask for you to provide to the Authority, through me, a notice from your doctor certifying that you have mobility issues. Please do not include any details regarding any specific medical conditions you may have. The purpose of this is to ensure that as an Authority, we have confirmed the need for the signage.

I hope this moves us toward addressing your concern. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or other concerns.

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Petruzzi, Marc

From: Petruzzi, Marc
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2024 10:02 AM
To: Sitler, Martin
Subject: Tower Rd Signs

Marty,

Capt. Gallant had passed along your email regarding your concerns with needed signage along Tower Rd leading up to the overlook site. It was discussed at the Traffic Authority meeting last night and was decided that Dave Smith will first work with the T2 center at Uconn to borrow some vehicle detection equipment to determine if signage regarding speed or awareness of the parking area would be more applicable. When we have that data, we will get the signage that makes the most sense posted in the area.

Hope this starts to address your concerns. Let me know if we are missing anything.

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