MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

BY STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

MAY 15, 2012

Present: Commissioner Melody A. Currey
         Department of Motor Vehicle

         Commissioner James P. Redeker
         Department of Transportation

         Deputy Commissioner Christopher Bergstrom
         Department of Department of Economic and Community Development

The meeting was called to order in Conference Room A of the Department of Transportation, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut at 10:10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2012.

Mr. Sawicki, Executive Director of the State Traffic Commission, stated that anyone wishing to speak at today’s meeting is to have signed in on the sign-in sheet as you entered the room. He added that any information presented at today’s meeting will be retained in the State Traffic Commission Office in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Mr. Sawicki stated that the first order of business is to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2012 meeting of the State Traffic Commission.

   Upon motion of Commissioner Redeker and seconded by Commissioner Currey, it was voted to adopt the minutes of the following meeting:

   April 17, 2012

2. Mr. Sawicki recommended approval of the following regulatory items. These items are in substantial conformance with the regulations of the State Traffic Commission, have no unresolved issues, and the Local Traffic Authorities are all in agreement with the recommendations.

   Upon motion of Deputy Commissioner Bergstrom and seconded by Commissioner Currey, it was voted to approve the following Traffic Investigation Reports, copies of which are on file in the Office of the Commission.
Bridgeport – STC #015-1203-01

1. Rescind all previously approved parking zones on the south side of Route 1 (Boston Avenue) from the east curb line of Brooks Street to a point 46 feet east of UI Pole No. 1414.

2. Approve a “Handicapped Parking” zone on the south side of Route 1 (Boston Avenue) from a point 16 feet east of UI Pole No. 1414 to a point 46 feet east of UI Pole No. 1414, a distance of 30 feet.

Bridgeport – STC #015-1203-02

1. Rescind all previously approved parking zones on the south side of Route 130 (Connecticut Avenue) from the west curb line of Freeman Street to the east curb line of Alanson Road.

2. Approve a “Two Hour Parking 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.” zone on the south side of Route 130 (Connecticut Avenue) from a point 30 feet west of the west curb line of Freeman Street to a point 25 east of the east curb line of Waterman Street, a distance of approximately 173 feet.

3. Approve a “Two Hour Parking 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.” zone on the south side of Route 130 (Connecticut Avenue) from a point 21 feet west of AT&T Pole No. 5587 to a point 42 feet west of AT&T Pole No. 5586, a distance of approximately 130 feet.

4. Approve a “Handicapped Parking” zone on the south side of Route 130 (Connecticut Avenue) from a point 42 feet west of AT&T Pole No. 5586 to a point 24 feet east of AT&T Pole No. 5585, a distance of 60 feet.

5. Approve a “Two Hour Parking 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.” zone on the south side of Route 130 (Connecticut Avenue) from a point 24 feet east of AT&T Pole No. 5585 to a point 5 feet east of AT&T Pole No. 5584, a distance of approximately 120 feet.

6. Approve a “No Parking Anytime” zone on the south side of Route 130 (Connecticut Avenue) from a point 5 feet east of AT&T Pole No. 5584 to the east curb line of Alanson Road, a distance of approximately 88 feet.

Cheshire – STC #025-1201-01

1. Rescind all previously approved speed limits on Reservoir Road.

2. Grant permission to the Town of Cheshire to establish speed limits for both directions of travel on the following roadways:

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Note: Refer to Report of Findings for recommended warning signing.
Greenwich – STC #056-1201-01

Grant permission to the Town of Greenwich to establish a 25 mph speed limit for both directions of travel on Almira Drive from Pemberwick Road easterly to Weaver Street, a distance of 0.27 miles.

Naugatuck – STC #087-1202-01

1. Rescind all previously approved parking zones on the east side of Route 63 from a point 10 feet south of SNET pole #4175 to a point 50 feet north of SNET pole #4175.

2. Approve a “No Parking Anytime” zone on the east side of Route 63 from a point 10 feet south of SNET pole #4175 to a point 50 feet north of SNET pole #4175, a distance of approximately 60 feet.

Prospect – STC #114-1202-01

1. Approve the addition of emergency vehicle pre-emption to the traffic signal at the intersection of Route 68 and Route 69 in the Town of Prospect.

2. Rescind all previously approved lane-use controls at the intersection of Route 68 and Route 69 in the Town of Prospect (Traffic Investigation Report No. 114-9603-01).

3. Approve the following lane use controls at the intersection of Route 68 and Route 69 in the Town of Prospect.
   - Route 68 eastbound: A shared through/right-turn lane
   - Route 68 westbound: A shared through/right-turn lane
   - Route 69 northbound: A shared through/right-turn lane
   - Route 69 southbound: A shared through/right-turn lane

Stamford – STC #135-0808-01

Grant permission to the City of Stamford to revise the existing semi-actuated traffic control signal with an exclusive pedestrian phase at the intersection of Atlantic Street at Henry Street. The revision includes emergency pre-emption, updated signal equipment, countdown pedestrian signals and revised timing.

Stonington – STC #137-1202-01

Grant permission to the Town of Stonington to establish a speed limit of 20 mph for both directions of travel on Clara Drive from the Start of Town Maintenance northerly to Coogan Boulevard, a distance of 0.29 miles.
Torrington – STC #143-1205-01

1. Rescind all previously approved parking regulation on the south side of Route 202 (East Main Street) starting opposite a point approximately 10 feet west of SNET Pole No. 3266 and extending easterly to a point approximately 175 feet from the west curbline of the Route 8 on-ramp, a distance of approximately 175 feet (Item No. 3 of Traffic Investigation Report No. 13345).

2. Approve a "No Parking Anytime" zone on the south side of Route 202 (East Main Street) starting opposite a point approximately 10 feet west of SNET Pole No. 3266 and extending easterly to a point approximately 175 feet from the west curbline of the Route 8 on-ramp, a distance of approximately 175 feet.

Waterbury – STC #151-1202-01

Approve a “School Speed Limit 25 MPH When Flashing” speed limit eastbound and westbound on S.R. 801 (East Main Street) in the City of Waterbury from 12 feet west of ATT 3662 easterly to 10 feet west of SNET 80S, a distance of approximately 0.2 miles.

The “School Speed Limit 25 MPH When Flashing” speed limit will only be in effect when the flashing warning lights are in operation. This will be on school days as follows:

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

and when there are activities outside of regular school hours.

West Haven – STC #156-1204-01

Extend the approved ‘No Parking Anytime” zone on the west side of Route 122 (Campbell Avenue) from a point 58 feet north of the SNET Pole No. 986 southerly to a point opposite the south curbline of Smith Court, a distance of approximately 190 feet.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Hebron – STC #066-1202-01

Mr. Roger Uszakiewicz presented a staff report that no change be made to the 35 mph speed limit for both directions of travel on Route 66, in the Town of Hebron, from Gristmill Road easterly to Wellswood Road, for a distance of 1.09 miles.

Commission then viewed 2011 photolog of the area.

Commissioner Redeker – How many accidents have occurred at this intersection?

Mr. Uszakiewicz – Over the past three years there have been five (5).

Mr. Andrew J. Tierney, the Local Traffic Authority for the Town of Hebron introduced himself along with Mr. Thomas Fenton, consultant engineer from Nathan Jacobson working for the town as the Town Engineer, and Mr. Mike O’Leary, Hebron Town Planner.
Mr. Fenton:
- Provided an overview of the area using aerial mapping, and went over the existing signage along Route 66.
- Explained that there is an existing warning sign to reduce speed (speed limit ahead 35 mph).
- They are seeking to change the speed limit to 35mph east of Loveland Road.
- Loveland Road was a gravel road which has since become a paved road and is a major connector for vehicles from Route 316 to Route 66.
- Transition zone/buffer appears to be less on the Loveland Road side than the other side near Gristmill Road.

Mr. O'Leary:
- Provided a perspective that the town is anticipating changes in the future to the town center. (Currently the center is from Route 85 to Ted’s Supermarket.)
- The town is constructing an “entrance road” using economic development funds and they are starting to see more development in Hebron.
- The town is trying to expand the business center and they consider the “new” town center to be from Loveland to Gristmill.
- Loveland Hills was approved for 100 new homes and is existing, there is an approved Loveland Farms development.
- Loveland used to be gravel, but now is paved and the town anticipates more development and roadway changes.
- There are now better sewer and water amenities that allow for more development.

Mr. Tierney:
- He sent in a letter to David Sawicki to request the change in speed limit.
- The letter also indicated that he received a petition containing 150 signatures from the neighborhood citizens requesting the speed change and installation of other traffic measures.
- He was assuming the change in speed limit would be approved because it seemed like a “simple” request.
- He wanted to emphasize that the town is developing and although there are not many curb cuts shown along Route 66, there is still development going on in town.

Commissioner Currey – Has there been a population increase in the last 10 years?

Mr. O'Leary – About 1,000.

Commissioner Redeker – What is the 85th percentile speed in the 35 mph section?

Mr. Uszakiewicz – About 41 mph in both directions.

Deputy Commissioner Bergstrom – I find it very compelling that the local officials are here on behalf of this matter and that they really want this change, we should consider it.

Commissioner Redeker – We need to be aware that there may be other safety measures being reviewed – is there more than one request being reviewed by the Department?
Mr. Tierney – Yes, we sent in a request for a flashing beacon and left turn lanes to be installed. We assumed the speed limit would be the easiest.

Mr. Milton Porter (Resident of the Villages at Loveland Hills – located off of Loveland Road)
- Discussed how Loveland used to be gravel and now has about 100 homes including elderly residents.
- Two (2) years ago he requested illumination for the curve along Route 66, so that people can see Loveland Road.
- Talked about an accident that occurred last year at this intersection to another resident who lives off Loveland Road.
- Traffic from Route 316 is using Loveland as a cut through.

Ms. Tracy L. Fogarty, Transportation Principal Engineer - Discussed the benefits of speed enforcement.

Commissioner Redeker – Stated that what the Town was asking for was only a minor adjustment to the speed limit.

Deputy Commissioner Bergstrom – Requested to withdraw the motion.

Hearing no objection the motion was withdrawn.

Upon motion of Deputy Commissioner Bergstrom and seconded by Commissioner Currey, it was voted that the report be amended to approve the speed limit request and that the Department work with the Town regarding the location of the new zone.

4. **MAJOR TRAFFIC GENERATORS**

   a. **Newtown – STC #096-1111-01**

      This item was removed from the agenda prior to the meeting.

   b. **North Haven – STC #100-1204-02**

      Mr. Kenneth A. Lussier presented the staff report on the request to revise the conditions of Traffic Investigation Report No. 100-9108-02 (Certificate No. 1118) for U.S. Surgical Corporation (Covidien Global Headquarters).

      Upon motion by Deputy Commissioner Bergstrom and seconded by Commissioner Redeker, it was voted that the State Traffic Commission (STC) approve the revisions as indicated below:

      In accordance with Section 14-311 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as revised, it is recommended that the conditions of Traffic Investigation Report No. 100-9108-02 (Certificate 1118) approved October 16, 1991 be revised as indicated below:

      These conditions are based on and refer to the following plans prepared by TPA Design Group:


1. That the overall number of parking spaces be revised to 2,473.

2. That the truck access site driveway located on McDermott Road be constructed in substantial conformance with the referenced plans.

3. That all work on roadways that are owned and maintained by the Town of North Haven be performed in conformance with the standards and specifications of the Town of North Haven.

4. That intersection sight distances be provided and maintained from the truck access site driveway on McDermott Road as shown on the referenced plans.

5. That signs and pavement markings on the truck access site driveway be installed and maintained in substantial conformance with the referenced plans, and in accordance with the “Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices,” latest edition.

6. That an easement be granted to the State, at no cost, to place and maintain traffic signal appurtenances on site property at the intersection of Route 17 (Middletown Avenue) and U.S. Surgical Corporation/Covidien Global Headquarters site driveway. Right of Way File No. 100-000-101.

7. That these revisions shall not become effective until a bond is posted and maintained with the Town of North Haven sufficient to cover the costs of the work required on McDermott Road.

8. That these revisions shall not become effective until a copy of this report has been recorded on the municipal land records in accordance with the attached procedure.

9. That the STC reserves the right to require additional improvements or changes, as deemed necessary, due to the development’s traffic in the future. The cost of any additional improvements or changes shall be borne by the owner of the development.

There being no further business before the Commission, Mr. Sawicki recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

Upon motion of Deputy Commissioner Bergstrom and seconded by Commissioner Redeker, it was voted to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.

Melody A. Curley
Secretary of Commission
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles

Newington, Connecticut
May 15, 2012
Minutes Compiled By:
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Executive Director