

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

June 18, 2019
8:00 p.m.

South Windsor Town Council

PURPOSE: To receive citizen input on the proposed Traffic Calming Policy

Mayor Paterna called the Public Hearing to order at 8:00 p.m.; and requested that the Clerk of the Council read the call of the meeting (a copy of which is attached hereto, **Exhibit A**). There were approximately twenty (20) people present in the audience.

Mayor Paterna asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to speak.

Mr. Dave Macdonald, 79 Laurel Street, came forward and explained that since the last time here on October 22, 2018, the speeding on Laurel Street has increased. Mr. Macdonald stated that the proposed policy, if the Town uses the flow chart as proposed, could take up to three years to get speed humps installed. If a resident is asking for a protective measure to be put on their street, the Town should be doing something faster to protect its resident. Mr. Macdonald proposed the following changes to the policy: if a resident or a group of residents bring up a speeding issue, the first step could be the 50% petition form. The LRSC could initiate the collection and analysis step and a design could be started. The construction could be performed and the neighborhood could then be made safe for the residents. Mr. Macdonald felt that the Town Council should be allocating funds annually for both the studies and construction of the safe guards for the residents not on an as needed basis. The Town of South Windsor Subdivision Regulations, state that residential streets shall be arranged so as to discourage through traffic and provide for maximum policy and safety. Mr. Macdonald explained that he is asking for this Town road to be brought up to South Windsor standards. The Town should create a sensible and simplified policy.

Mr. Robert Dickinson, 19 Birch Road, stated that he supports the establishment of the proposed traffic calming policy. Mr. Dickinson suggested the following options to reduce speeding on local roads: 1) Increase enforcement by the South Windsor Police Department; 2) The installation of speed humps; 3) Post lower speed limits; 4) Install additional stop signs; 5) Block off streets that are used to cut through; and 6) Install speed enforcement cameras in problem areas with a maximum fine of \$25.00. Mr. Dickinson felt the last suggestion should be brought to the State Legislators.

Mr. Steve Pasakarnis, 98 Woodland Drive, stated that he thinks about 75% of the traffic that goes by his home is for cut through purposes, so he suggested that part of the policy be worked on further. Mr. Pasakarnis explained that it is very hard for him to get out of his driveway because of the speeding in the area.

Mayor Paterna asked for a Straw Vote, the results of which were as follows:

Those supporting the proposed Traffic Calming Policy: 5

Those opposed to the proposed Traffic Calming Policy: 0

The public hearing was closed at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council

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John G. Almy AEC



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Exhibit A

TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL INQUIRER

June 11, 2019

LEGAL AD

TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

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Dated at South Windsor, Connecticut this 10th day of June 2019.

Attested to by:

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