

**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
FAIRFIELD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Fairfield Board of Police Commissioners will hold a regular public meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 via Conference Call Bridge in the Police Commission's Conference Room (second floor) at 100 Reef Road, Fairfield.

Members of the Public who cannot attend in-person may listen by phone, call 667-776-9044.

Please Note: If you call to listen, you will not be heard by the committee members and there will be no live public comment until called for by the Chair during the meeting. The public is encouraged to send their comments before the meeting to the following email pc@fairfieldct.org

AGENDA

- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2022.
- Recognition of Officer Walter Burke for being chosen as *Officer of the Quarter* for the period of July 15th, 2022 to October 14th, 2022. Officer Burke's selection for this prestigious award was based on his excellent personality, attitude, fitness & appearance, initiative, and job proficiency.
- Presentation of the Chief's Recognition Medal to Officer Daniel Chase and Officer Nicholas Ardizzone for demonstrating a consistent level of noteworthy performance and garnering a minimum of five Supervisor Recognition Reports within the past year. Officer Chase and Officer Ardizzone's dedication and loyalty to the law enforcement profession, sincerity of purpose, and above-average effort make these two officers most deserving of this honor.
- Recognition that Officer Daniel Loris has completed his probationary period and recommend that he be approved as an active and good-standing member of the Fairfield Police Department.
- Recognition that Officer Dimitar Sadiev has completed his probationary period and recommend that he be approved as an active and good-standing member of the Fairfield Police Department.

- Traffic Surveys:

SURVEY #1 LOCATION: Villa Avenue at Lewis Drive

NATURE OF REQUEST: (Tabled From 5/11/22 Meeting)

Install Two (2) "Stop" signs on Villa Avenue at Lewis Drive - East bound "Stop" sign in front of Teddy Bear Corner (273 Villa Avenue) and west.

BY WHOM: Amy Barrett and Richard Dix

RECOMMENDATION: Villa Ave at Lewis Drive- Install MUTCD approved Horizontal Alignment signs (W1-10e) but with offset lines on Villa Ave, west of Nichols and Villa Ave east of Lewis Drive to warn traffic of upcoming intersections. Investigate Stop sign request by performing Engineering Study, speeds, volumes, sight distance and crash data. Stop signs must meet MUTCD warrants. Installing stop signs may cause increase in rear end accidents but could reduce other types, hence recommend study.

SURVEY #2 LOCATION: Old Post Road Up to Congress Street and Back (New Bike Route)

NATURE OF REQUEST: (Tabled From 5/11/22 Meeting) - *Nate Rex replaced Karen Secrist - Additional Map & Instructions Attached

To create a new bike route and connect a couple of the existing bike routes already established. It is the Bike/Pedestrian Committees belief that we need to continue to add routes throughout Fairfield to continue to promote "Share the Road" and encourage cars and bikers and pedestrians to respect each other. - Please see attached sheet for road routes.

BY WHOM: Nate Rex* (Member of Bike/Pedestrian Committee)

RECOMMENDATIONS: Streets not wide enough to designate bike route with edge lines. Confirm type of bike route- ones with decal signs and a few warning signs (share the road, keep 3 ft away, etc.) and pavement markings (sharrows near key intersections or curves) or extensive markings and signage? Recommend low key bike route- 18 miles long with occasional signs and markings to alert motorists of cyclists on roadway.

SURVEY #3 LOCATION: 5151 Park Avenue - Sacred Heart Main Campus - Dormitory Expansion

NATURE OF REQUEST: Traffic Evaluation - Submission to OSTA - Request for Administrative Decision Approval on the ongoing expansion of the Sacred Heart Main Campus specifically dormitory expansion, a Recreation Center and Office/Maintenance Buildings, all fronting generally on Jefferson Street. The dormitory expansion will maintain the two existing access drives to Jefferson Street, which previously served the Jewish Nursing Home.

BY WHOM: Michael A. Galante - Hardesty & Hanover, LLC

RECOMMENDATIONS: Main Campus Dorms- Survey team seems ok with OSTA application however major concern for sight distance pulling out of the westerly driveway. New wall may pose issue. Engineer notified Applicant Traffic Consultant to investigate improvements. Recommend tabling until safety matter is resolved.

SURVEY #4 LOCATION: 3135 Easton Turnpike (Exit Driveway) Sacred Heart West Campus

NATURE OF REQUEST: Add a left turn green arrow to the traffic control signal which will assist vehicles that are exiting the west campus and turning left on Easton Turnpike to do so safely.

BY WHOM: Ed Green

RECOMMENDATIONS: Refer to State for further investigation. SHU recently performed study at intersection and submitted info to the state this week.

SURVEY #5 LOCATION: Brookside Drive and Pansy Road

NATURE OF REQUEST: There is a 4-Way stop at this intersection that is extremely problematic. Not sure if a light could be installed at intersection, electric speed indicators placed intermittently along both Pansy Road and Brookside Drive. Place speed bumps along both road ways.

BY WHOM: Clay Risher

RECOMMENDATIONS: Preliminary site investigation doesn't warrant a traffic signal (\$300K). Recommend reviewing crash data. Also recommend safety improvements- install 3 new stop signs, provide red delineator posts for 3 main approaches. Could add pavement marking STOP prior to stop bar.

SURVEY #6 LOCATION: 111 Melville Avenue at Driveway

NATURE OF REQUEST: Requesting "No Parking" sign be placed before both before and after my driveway at 111 Melville Avenue on my side of the street restricting parking. When there are special events at Tunxis Hill Park such as recent weekend baseball games, cars park along Melville Avenue on both side of my driveway rendering it impossible for me to look up or down the street to check for oncoming traffic. I cannot safely exit my driveway without calling the police for assistance or asking passing pedestrian to stand in the middle of the street and block traffic. An unsafe practice.

BY WHOM: Marjorie Morresi

RECOMMENDATIONS: No parking between signs for downhill Curve to 20 feet min past driveway. (may have to confirm exact location)

SURVEY #7 LOCATION: 130 Melville Avenue between 2nd Street

NATURE OF REQUEST: Request "No Parking" on the northbound and southbound sides of Melville Avenue and on the Northern side of 3rd Street - See Attached photos.

BY WHOM: Dr. Max Albanese

RECOMMENDATIONS: No parking between signs 20 feet from 130 driveway to where curve ends. (may have to confirm exact location)

SURVEY #8 LOCATION: New England Avenue at Meadow Street

NATURE OF REQUEST: Request to install "No Parking Here To Corner" at least 80 ft. from the intersection.

BY WHOM: Jeremy Blum

RECOMMENDATIONS: Engineering or Zoning to notify Nursery not to possess/store materials on sidewalk. Going SB/WB, No parking here to corner, approx. 40 feet from meadow St intersection. Also, for SB/WB approach install W2-1 intersection sign just prior to underpass.

- Old Business: None.
 - New Business:
 - To consider a request by Carla Miklos, Executive Director of Operation Hope and Rob Greenbaum for a "Panhandling is Unsafe" sign to be posted in select areas of Fairfield.
 - Monthly Report.
- Next Meeting, September 14, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in the Commission's Conference Room.

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