

***West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes***

***Monday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> , 2025, 7:00 PM***

***Room 400, Town Hall.***

***Commissioners :Jen Bowman, Ed Pawlak, Andrea Belli, Lisa Tanen-La Fontaine, Tristan, Sokol, Nick McGee, Brendan Wheeler.***

***Multiple members of the community: Julia T., Dan Tavelli, John Sherman, Sarah T, Christopher T, Ethan F., Chris E. , Tom, Chris Timmel)***

**Town Officials: Greg Sommer, Town Engineer; Duane Martin, Director of Community Planning; Rick Ledwith, Town Manager**

**[Channel 8 Recording](#)**

1. Call to Order (7:00PM)
2. Introductions
3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes – **Unanimously approved**
4. Discussion of general pedestrian and bicyclist access/safety issues in town

**Question 10 regarding the neighborhood streets traffic calming program addressed:**

Ed P: paradigm shift proposed on how the residential streets traffic calming criteria are applied to select traffic calming. Proposal to allocate % amount of capital improvement funds for traffic calming. Then using the matrix to identify building priorities.

Greg+Rick: Vision Zero is covering this with the funds obtained (including in the future, traffic camera tickets). Going forward more nimble decisions and quick builds will be approved

Duane M- Funding is not the issue: staffing is the issue. 20Mph on all residential streets is not realistic to achieve

Member of the Public: danger is felt. Make the request process simpler.

Ed P. asked to share the number of requests/approved in the past and going forward – Greg indicated that he will provide these data.

Greg shared that :

*Traffic calming requested: 30 requests received, 50 requests currently pending*

*Traffic calming completed: 5-6 streets(pending agreement in the neighborhoods)*

*No negative feedback received from the public regarding quick builds*

*Rick L. :safety is the top priority*

*Jason Wang showed a video of a speeding car on a residential street*

*Ethan F. noted that speed limits in town should be more standardized as there is a lack of consistency across town (25,30,35 mph)*

**Question 15 regarding Complete Streets exception in the Center addressed:**

PBC recommended that the town file a Complete Streets Exception for the reconstruction of West Hartford Center. Rick L confirmed that a response will be provided by the Town Attorney to the PBC commission.

**Questions 2, 11 and 12 regarding the new modern roundabout on King Philip Drive:**

Greg said that the town will consider adding planters in the center of the roundabout for aesthetics. He said that the roundabout is functioning well, including four school buses.

**Question 8 (Speed and red light camera deployment):** on Dec 17 the Town Council will vote on a motion to approve the automated speed camera program at 15 locations. Subsequently, it is expected that State and Federal Highway will ratify the town's decision.

Same process for automated Red light camera program for which there is a grant pending. 8 red light cameras will be placed at main intersections across town.

**Question 6 re: the PBC recommendations for upgrading existing crosswalks to raised crosswalks:**

Greg shared the following:

- 3 raised crosswalks were constructed in 2024
- 11 raised crosswalks were constructed in 2025
- 12 additional raised crosswalks are planned for 2026

Lisa (Commissioner) requested that all the questions not addressed during the meeting be answered by the town officials and shared with the PBC before the next PBS meeting

5. Announcements - none

6. 12/8/2025 PBC meeting - email items you would like included on the agenda to Ed Pawlak ([ecosys88@gmail.com](mailto:ecosys88@gmail.com))

7. Adjourn- 8:32PM