

Traffic Safety Community Action Group Minutes

Monday July 26, 2021

In attendance: Jodiann Tenney, Clifford Cooper, Dirk Patterson, Barbara Ellis, Ed Fabbri, and Lauren Della Monica, Todd Johnson and Kim Fisher.

Call to order – 6:08

Road Safety Audit – Audit came in, but not finalized. They want feedback by July 31. Need a small committee to put comments/feedback to the consultants. Everyone in this group can look at and give feedback and give to Raz, Ed, Lauren or Jodi via e-mail.

COVID Relief funds. If we think that we can use these funds for traffic safety measures, we can submit for meeting on August 10th. The group discussed whether this would qualify. Overall consensus is that traffic safety measures would not qualify. Litchfield data does not support that higher speeds are due to COVID.

Slow Down and Enjoy Litchfield campaign. Jodi is working out details with DJ Murphy. Materials can be picked up at town hall. Committee needs to talk it up. Kim volunteered to do a radio spot. Cliff said that people do not realize this effort is town wide and community is thankful that campaign will represent the different 5 subsections.

RAZ talked about the speed reports from the town speeds. Data shows peak traffic speeding times and the constables can use the data for speed policing. Problem is that we only have 1 constable per shift. We do not have data on state roads. Todd expressed concern that we are not using our signs on state road because we need data on these roads. Raz if we can get state machines, they will send us the data. Raz said that if we send them our data, they will not look at our data as closely as their own data.

Some simplified, bare bones version speed signs without data cost around \$2000. The more info they give, the more expensive they are. Maybe this group should consider fundraising to get some basic model speed machines and an encroachment permit to get them on state roads to encourage slower driving. Most important point is calming effect.

Motion to adjourn Raz A. Second by Lauren D. Adjourn time: 7:01