Traffic Safety Community Action Group  
Monday January 24, 2021, 6:00 P.M.  
Via Zoom

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm. Members present: Lauren Della Monica, Jodi Tenney, Todd Johnson, Dirk Patterson, Ed Fabbri, Cliff Cooper, Barbara Ellis, and Denise Raap.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from 11/29/21 were amended at the request of Ed Fabbri to reflect correction from speed “bumps” to speed “humps”. Motion by Lauren Della Monica to accept revised minutes. Second by Cliff Cooper. Motion carried.

Motion by Lauren Della Monica to approve Special Meeting minutes from 11/4/21. Second by Jodi Tenney. Motion carried.

3. Public comment

Cheryl Brennan, 60 Meadow Street presented two concerns: 1. Would like the center of town made one-way from top of Meadow Street to the former courthouse, permitting east-only traffic; 2. Would like a traffic light at the bottom of the hill westbound on 202, at Russell Street.

Barbara Ellis received correspondence from a Borough resident, proposing eliminating the cross walk from the East Green to the Congregational Church. There are actually two crosswalks in this location. Raz Alexe indicated that churchgoer do not want to lose this crosswalk. Dirk Patterson agreed with Raz’s recommendation not to eliminate it.

4. Capital Request Update

A. A request for $50K has been submitted to the Capital Committee, received support, and is still under consideration.
B. A request will be submitted to the Seherr-Thoss Foundations, which will consider funding in April. There is a possibility of matching the town’s request.
5. Share-out of DOT meeting and next steps

Jodi Tenney pointed out that the State will guarantee no project or funding. A focused request for all “wants” must be submitted by the LTA, Denise Raap. This will require a separate request for each crosswalk with photos, exact locations (pole numbers), etc.

The priority is the beacon at Spencer Street/Center School crosswalk. John Campbell has this work order. Raz Alexe will follow-up on behalf of the Town. Todd Johnson will follow up on behalf of the Borough.

The amount of time required for a possible Corridor Study is approximately 6-10 weeks, at a cost of approximately $100K, depending on its scope. If we receive funding (capital request and grant), the aim is to have the study done in full. There is time to do the Corridor Study because the soonest repaving will be done on state roads is 2024. Seherr-Thoss requires specific quotes, but we will have to provide estimates.

6. Other traffic concerns

A. Beginning in April, the traffic committee may no longer meet exclusively remotely as per the Governor’s executive order. However, it may meet in hybrid form, in-person AND remote.

B. After working on a budget for additional law enforcement officers with State Trooper Jim Holms, Denise Raap proposed the alternative of offering overtime to existing constables to cover the 45 days per year that are not currently covered, at a cost of approximately $16-20K. Jodi Tenney made a motion to allow the 1st Selectman to increase speed enforcement by offering overtime to our constables for the 45 days that are not currently covered. Second by Dirk Patterson. Motion carried.

C. Barbara Ellis inquired about data from the mobile “Your Speed Is” signs. Raz Alexe will send a summary of data to date to the full committee.

7. Adjournment

Todd Johnson moved to adjourn. Second by Lauren Della Monica. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Johnson
Recording Secretary