

Traffic Safety Community Action Group

Monday March 28, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

Via Zoom

MINUTES

(transcribed from video recording)

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm. Members present: Jodi Tenney, Ed Fabbri, Barbara Ellis, Dirk Patterson, Raz Alexe, and Denise Raap. Michael Reardon is in attendance as a guest.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Dirk Patterson to approve minutes from 2/28/22. Seconded by Raz Alexe. Correction by Ed Fabbri: The word “beacon” (at Spencer Street) will be changed to “streetlight.” Motion carried.

3. Public comment

Michael Reardon introduced himself. The plan for revitalization of the Green has been finalized by Heritage Consultants and submitted to the Borough. Denise Raap suggested that Michael participate in the Traffic Safety Community Action Group as it intersects with the objectives of the Heritage Plan. Michael is now part of a recently created non-profit committee of four people, forming the Litchfield Green Conservancy. They have applied for tax-exempt status. Jodi Tenney pointed out that a decision from Seherr-Thoss is forthcoming this week regarding the previously submitted grant application for \$50K plus \$18K for the beacon. Denise pointed out the \$50K has already been approved by the Board of Selectmen to be taken from the Town’s ARPA funds.

4. Traffic Corridor Study

Raz Alexe is beginning to put together a scope for the study. He will share a first draft as soon as he has it available before the next meeting of this committee on April 25. Dirk Patterson offered to meet with the Borough Board to discuss the Heritage Plan. Michael Reardon offered to reach out to Gayle Carr, Acting Warden, as well, to coordinate efforts of the Borough with the Litchfield Green Conservancy. Raz will set up his draft as a Google document so that all committee members can make notes/suggestions in the document itself.

Dirk Patterson suggested that the scope of the Traffic Study include the north end of North Street.

Unrelated, Raz added that the cost of the electronic speed signs has increased to \$4200. Data may be downloaded from these signs but will not be saved in the cloud.

5. Crosswalk Request to State

Jodi Tenney and Denise Raap will work together on this request for the State in order to get an analysis of our crosswalks.

Consider adding pyramid signs/cones in the crosswalks themselves, notwithstanding the fact that they are sometimes stolen and “may” have to be brought in at times. Kim pointed out that the school only removes them in the event of snow for plowing. Suggestions include the crosswalks just south of the post office, in front of St. Anthony’s Church, at the Oliver Wolcott Library, and across from Meadow Street, and possibly across from the Congregational Church. Jodi Tenney suggests asking for 8 pyramids.

Suggestion to eliminate parking spaces as necessary to ensure that there is no parking within 25 feet of crosswalks. Denise will find out whether this is a town matter or must be referred to the State.

6. Next Steps

Ed Fabbri pointed out that a number of side streets are being used as cut-throughs and suggested that temporary speed humps might be put down at the time of the traffic study to help with accuracy of data, i.e., the increased capacity at the intersections that are the focus of the study. Ed pointed out that going forward, permanent speed humps are not necessarily an issue for winter plowing and should be considered as more and more towns/cities are implementing these. Ed also suggested that some towns have applications for humps on town roads so that neighborhoods may apply for speed humps, making the request initiated by residents rather than the town government. This matter will be at the top of the agenda for the next meeting.

7. Motion to adjourn by Dirk Patterson. Seconded by Barbara Ellis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned by Jodi Tenney at 6:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "F Todd Johnson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Todd Johnson
Recording Secretary