

Traffic Safety Community Action Group

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

Via Zoom

MINUTES

(transcribed from video recording)

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. Members present: Lauren Della Monica, Jodi Tenney, Ed Fabbri, Barbara Ellis, Dirk Patterson, and Denise Raap.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Raz Alexe to approve minutes from 1/24/22. Second by Lauren Della Monica
Motion carried.

3. Public comment

No public comment.

4. Capital Request Update

A grant application has been submitted to Seherr-Thoss that has both \$50K for the corridor study and for the flashing beacon. Raz provided a timely updated quote for the beacon. Another \$50K request has gone through the Capital Committee. Seherr-Thoss will make a decision at their April meeting.

5. Next Steps

Update: Spencer Street/Center School crosswalk streetlight has now been changed with increase in wattage.

Denise Raap as LTA (local traffic authority) is to forward focus request for the crosswalks to CT-DOT. Jodi will work with Denise on this.

Raz Alexe suggests reaching out to DOT regarding Corridor Study once we receive grant money from Seherr-Thoss and town Capital Committee.

A notice from Eversource was received that they will replace lights on 202 with LED and will need recommendation as to which fixture is desired from choices presented.

6. Other traffic concerns

- A. Jodi Tenney asked about increase in next year's budget for additional constables, and Denise confirmed that the item is there under "Overtime Standard" at \$10K. One eight-hour shift each day for 45 days for speed enforcement.
- B. Lauren Della Monica commented digital speed sign on South Street seems to be working well because the sight line is so good and can be seen from a distance. Ed asked whether there was any reason for drastic drop in recorded speeds at night. Raz mentioned that there were some charging issues due to solar cells not charging on cloudy days, in which case they are recording but not pulsating speeds. A combination of factors could give erroneous information, bringing down the overall daily speeds. The signs are on loan until April. Raz will try to push it to May or June. The town could buy our own signs and ask for a renewable encroachment permit, the cost of which would be \$4500-6000 each. Jodi mentioned possibility of doing some private fundraising. Signs that show digital speeds without collecting data range \$2700-3000. Permanent placement loses effect on permanent residents. Raz suggests we need good quality signs with good battery charging in order to download information, move them around, etc.
- C. Jodi asked about cones in the roads. We need approval for state roads, though we can put them up on local roads with no problem. Raz believes we should order them and keep them in stock, then apply for the encroachment permit.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Jodi Tenney at 6:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F Todd Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Todd Johnson
Recording Secretary