

Traffic Safety Community Action Group

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, August 15, 2022

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Litchfield Firehouse

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88654750969?pwd=YXRxcUtWNHBoWnZ0N3dFdG5SNTBBdz09>

Meeting ID: 886 5475 0969

Passcode: 951503

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm. Members present: Jodi Tenney, Ed Fabbri, Lauren Della Monica, Todd Johnson, Dirk Patterson, Denise Raap, Kim Fischer, and new member Patricia Peiffer. Zoom: Raz Alexe. Visiting: Laura Hillman, who will potentially be the Borough representative.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes tabled until next meeting.

3. Federal Grant Update

As per meeting with FHI Studios, all grant applications must go through Council of Governments. FHI did not feel that Litchfield would get the grant based on lack of fatalities in the data.

Denise spoke directly with COG regarding proceeding, and it is currently in the hands of DOT in terms of whether they will support investing in Litchfield or not. If not, it would be a waste of time to apply for the grant.

Raz pointed out that “fatalities” is an unfortunate and misleading standard where qualification is concerned, as opposed to “close calls.” He feels that we should address upward trends of close calls and high speeds with DOT.

COG will get back to us in approximately 1 ½ weeks. If we don’t receive the grant, the next step would be to go to the State of CT.

4. Update on Crosswalks Request to State

Denise as LTA submitted request for **analysis** of crosswalks - not improvements. Report has been received and will be focus of our next meeting. All members asked to read and refine list of priorities that may be addressed to most immediate effect. Also, include other ideas from RSA report. Suggestions need not be limited to the center of town.

Town will receive another \$911K in ARPA money. Public hearing on September 11 as to how public would like to see the money spent. Jodi suggests allotting approximately \$75K for traffic committee. Denise would like to reiterate to public that there is NO proposal or plan to place a traffic rotary at intersection of 202 and 118.

5-6. Sign Data and Clark Road Slow Signs Pilot

State gifted one "Your Speed Is" sign. The other three have been returned. Raz will present the data from these three at the next meeting. Raz will send data from West Morris sign to full committee tomorrow.

7. ARPA Money Request

See above.

8. Wamogo Request

Wamogo would like traffic signal at entrance to the school. Would need to do a signal study. Raz will suggest to Chris Leone that a signal study would be futile based on criteria needed to approve a traffic signal.

Currently, speed limit is 40mph. Denise, as LTA, can put in request to have speed lowered to school zone, i.e., 25mph. Also, Wamogo can apply to LTA for flashing speed lights (estimated cost of \$5000, to be discussed as to whether from town ARPA funds), at which point LTA will make request to State of CT.

Also, town will provide state trooper presence at entrance to Wamogo during opening and closing school hours.

9. Summer Yard Sign Campaign

Encourage people to put them up as start of school approaches, though admittedly there may be a certain amount of "sign fatigue" in town.

10. Public Outreach

How do we communicate to the public what the committee is doing? There will be a public information presentation to the community on August 30, i.e., what things we've done, what things we plan to do.

Incidentally, approximately half of people being pulled over for speeding are Litchfield residents.

Immediate tasks:

- a. Facebook posts – each committee member to provide one to make the immediate SLOW DOWN AND ENJOY OUR TOWN message more personal. Todd will compose/submit the first.
- b. Kim and Raz to appear on radio as last year.
- c. Webpage – back to school message on town and school sites.

11. Public Correspondence

Sight lines at Baldwin Hill.

12. Next steps

Next regular meeting on Monday, August 22.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Lauren. Seconded by Denise. Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

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