

Traffic Safety Community Action Group

Monday, January 23, 2023

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Litchfield Firehouse and on Zoom

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm. Members present: Jodi Tenney, Amanda Glover, Lauren Della Monica, Clifford Cooper, Dirk Patterson, Kim Fischer and also present are Ed Fabbri, Denise Rapp, and Patricia Peiffer (not sworn in yet for next term.)

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the December 12th minutes by Lauren Della Monica, seconded by Cliff Cooper. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Complete Streets Policy Draft from Sustainable Litchfield

At the most recent Board of Selectman meeting, this policy was discussed. Lara Hillman is the liaison from our committee. Sustainable Litchfield wants us to endorse their policy. After a review of the policy, Cliff Cooper makes a motion to endorse the policy as presented. The motion is seconded by Lauren Della Monica. Dirk Patterson abstained. Motion carries.

5. Safe Streets for All Grant Update

No update yet. We were expecting an update mid-January. Other awarded grants include \$50,000 in ARPA funds which we have until 2026 to deploy plus \$50,000 from Seherr-Thoss Foundation to be used. If we get the SS4A grant we could use these other grant monies as matching funds towards the larger grant.

6. Spencer Street Flashing Beacon Update

The beacon on 202 near Spencer Street has been approved by the State. It is in the ARPA funds to be approved at the next Town Meeting. Jodi attended the most recent HDC meeting to present the beacon. HDC was pleased to know about the project, but because 202 is a state road, it falls outside HDC's jurisdiction. Raz is placing the order and getting it all in place by Spring.

1/31 Town Meeting 7pm Intermediate School: Members should try to attend.

7. Police Statistics Update

New Trooper is giving lots of tickets, and the statistics of the 2 Troopers were presented at the last BOS meeting showing significant increase this year over last. Details may be found in the BOS meeting minutes. Members should send relevant questions about this topic from our committee to Jodi Tenney.

8. Communication Strategy

Pending grant application, we aim to present a plan at March meeting. Small workgroup meeting to be set up for February.

9. Red Light/Speed Camera Lobbying

Pilot programs are in place in various towns and states. As a committee, we should consider doing more State advocacy work. Jodi proposed a small workgroup be set up to discuss options such as the possibility of doing a petition for speed/red light cameras. Ed Fabbri mentioned advocating for designated safety zones with double fines in certain designated areas.

Discussion of advocating for increase in percentage of ticket money earned to be returned to the Town. Right now it is just \$10 per ticket.

Advocacy may be effectuated also by way of the COG. Work with towns such as West Hartford with similar committees on traffic and pedestrian safety.

10. Updates on Pedestrian Safety Measures

Pedestrian safety signs are in place. There is ARPA money for more of those signs for Spring of this year.

11. Next Steps/Good of the Order

Continue communications strategy/plan for the next year and follow up on applications for ARPA and Safe Streets grant. Set up a special meeting if grant application is approved.

Attend Town Meeting if possible on 1/31.

Jodi to connect with Stephan Krucker on the Connectivity Grant relating to crosswalk/sidewalk changes and possibility of moving the crosswalk by Town Hall/Meadow Street extension.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6: 55 pm by Jodi Tenney.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Della Monica