

Traffic Safety Community Action Group

Special Meeting - Monday, April 3, 2023

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Litchfield Fire House and Zoom

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm. Members present: Jodi Tenney, Lauren Della Monica, Dirk Patterson, Clifford Cooper, Denise Raap, Lara Hillman, Patricia Peiffer, Amanda Glover, Kim Fischer and Raz Alexe.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from 1/23: Motion to approve by Dirk Patterson. Seconded by Cliff Cooper. Lara Hillman abstention. Minutes approved.

Minutes from 2/9: Motion to approve by Dirk Patterson. Seconded by Lara Hillman. Patricia Peiffer abstention. Minutes approved.

3. Sub-committee Regrouping

Three subgroups will be formed to address the main topics: Infrastructure Group, Public Education Group, Advocacy/Vision Zero Group. The Infrastructure group will be led by Ed Fabbri, with Lara Hillman, Dirk Patterson, Cliff Cooper, with advice from Raz Alexe. The Public Education group will be led by Lauren Della Monica, with Amanda Glover and Todd Johnson. The Advocacy/Vision Zero Group will be led by Jodi Tenney, with Kim Fischer and possibly Patricia Peiffer.

4. RRFB at Spencer Street update

This project will be handled by the Infrastructure group going forward. Update from Raz Alexe stating that the State consultant now requires a \$15,000 fee in addition to the cost of light in order for us to get DOT approval to install the RRFB as it is a State road. Four flashing lights with striping cost \$45,000. Now the project costs about \$60,000 with the additional consultant fee. It would be too costly to put an ADA compliant landing at Spencer Street. We will see if we can get State approval without the ADA compliant landing

at that location. We are in the due diligence phase now. We can decide later if we should allocate money to the project.

5. Tax Bill

Draft of pedestrian and cyclist safety insert for tax bill was created by Lauren Della Monica and Jodi Tenney. Lauren Della Monica to follow up on cost and process.

6. Borough Connectivity Grant

Ed Fabbri and Jodi Tenney are coordinating with Stephan Krucker and the Borough. The Borough is working with a firm to survey for new sidewalks. Follow up on status of grant application draft.

7. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Update

We did not get the SS4A grant we applied for. Ed Fabbri has asked for feedback in preparation for our re-application for the grant. One person to participate in the upcoming webinar.

8. State Bill 5917/Vision Zero Task Force Info

This topic will be covered by the Advocacy/Vision Zero working group. The goal is to learn what is happening at the state level including about the VZTF, educate the public, consider testimony or petitions.

9. WAMOGO Beacon

Committee has offered to help. Superintendent Chris Leone, Region 20, wants to fund the light through the school itself instead.

10. DOT Speed Hump Pilot Program Update

No update.

11. Prep for center of Town this summer

In-street pedestrian safety signs: some have been knocked over but will be replaced. We can purchase more with ARPA money. Motion by Dirk Patterson for Raz Alexe to purchase 5 more in-street pedestrian signs. Seconded by Amanda Glover. Motions carried.

Court house/hotel construction on West Street: Borough permission will be needed for the construction to obstruct the Borough's sidewalks. Town building department permits possibly involved. Lara Hillman to follow up on details.

12. Other Business

Patricia Peiffer discussed parked cars across from Marketplace in the shoulder as a safety concern. Add this parking issue to the Infrastructure group to review.

Public comment: Question about signage around the Green, Welcome signs.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Jodi Tenney, seconded by Dirk Patterson. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Della Monica