

Traffic Safety Community Action Group

Monthly Meeting - July 31, 2023

Time : 6:00 P.M.

Location: Litchfield Town Annex and Zoom

Attendees: Jodiann Tenney, Amanda Glover, Ed Fabbri , Lara Hillman, Dirk Patterson, Patricia Peiffer

On Zoom: Clifford Cooper, Kim Fischer, Raz Alexe, Denise Raap, Jennifer Graham

1. Call to Order at 6:09.
2. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve minutes with the correction of a typo (change Ner to Her in #5). Lara approves, Dirk seconds.
3. Review RSA and related documents and refine recommendations for infrastructure improvements based on current DOT status/communication.
 - Raz explains CT DOT Safe Routes to School program. If the school enrolls in the SRTS, they can schedule a RSA specifically for that crosswalk. Potential to eliminate the design cost for the ADA accommodation on the North side.
 - Denise and Jodi to talk with Superintendent Chris Leone on Monday. Cliff floats the idea of using the SRTS to get the light at WAMOGO. Lara notes that the Wamogo entrance only be an entrance and there is an exit driveway over to Maple.
 - Two speed humps have been purchased, no timeline for install. Meet and set up together.
 - Jahana Hayes is interested in helping, will help if we need Federal Grant, etc.
 - Prior to Garret Eucalito commissioner meeting, walked the Green, discussed problem areas, and traffic was light. Garret Eucalito meeting went well. Area of concern shared, realistic timeline for improvements given (DOT new and under-staffed). New applications for hotels are hard to deny applications because we don't require traffic studies. No roundabout in town due to the historic nature of the town. Ed got an email 5 days following that they are working on the project. Engineer asked for bypass routes, Ed provided a list of routes for them to evaluate in October in Peak season. Committed to revisiting.
 - Patricia asks about the roundabout. Ed/Raz/engineers: no touching the green, no eminent domain on a natural landmark. SHIPO and Federal Governments would not allow the project to proceed.
 - Dirk asks if the conversation should happen regarding a bypass route. Jodi tabled the topic.
 - Connectivity grant has been submitted.
 - Removal of parking spots on the green, electronic menu on website is down, package is ready to submit.
 - Fire hydrant signs by Marketplace are illegal, unknown who installed them.
 - Ordinance belongs to the Borough. Town will need an ordinance to issue parking tickets. Denise to follow up.
 - Jodi approached the restaurants. Future advertising the Town Lot as alternative parking areas for businesses.

- The Historical Society may add a visitor center if the Town and Society can come to an agreement.
- How are we working together with other groups for town planning?
- P&Z has a consultant working out parking planning for hotels, Hiram Peck
- Use ARPA money to hire someone to organize the different groups to achieve cohesive planning
- Speed cameras approved for use at the traffic signals in school/construction zones. Local ordinance needed.
- Goodhouse Rd. speed reduced by 5 mph
- Restriping request for town has been submitted online
- Patricia called several state offices to solicit data, and checked UCONN study as well. Jodi can provide from the last town meeting. Define measures based on data.
- Jodi suggests community feedback & public forum/survey to bring recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding enforcement and hiring additional troopers
- Jennifer comments: Selectpeople are busy, hard to organize, suggesting groups that are heavily invested in the preservation of the green and surrounding areas get together to get on the same page to plan together. Dirk and Lara suggest going through the Borough, reading other groups minutes, and info on the Borough website.
- Closing Meadow Street Extension for special events i.e. concerts. Dirk: closing the road extends the unsupervised children's play area. Jersey barriers? Jodi says why not just the white sawhorses. Tabled for tonight.

Next Steps for Committee:

- Seherr-Thoss plan to utilize the \$100k grant. Ask for an extension.
 1. Ed proposed a new road layout to close problem areas and add 8 additional parking spaces. Utilize funds to hire an engineer to design a plan.
 2. Updated Walking map/Parking map for website and print so visitors can know walking routes, parking areas, crosswalks. Patricia and Amanda to present budget for website design, print media, education.
 3. Ed to be spokesperson go to Borough/Town meetings to collaborate.
4. Adjournment 7:56 pm. Amanda motions, Lara and Dirk second.