

Traffic Safety Community Action Group  
Litchfield Firehouse  
Tuesday October 30, 2023  
Time: 4:00 P.M.

Meeting Attendees: Patricia Pfeiffer, Lara Hillman, Jodiann Tenney, Dirk Patterson, Ed Fabbri, Cliff Cooper, Denise Raap, Raz Alexe, Margaret Goodhouse, Amanda Glover

1. Called to order at 4:09 pm.
2. Rewording Patricia's Draft.

**Introduction**

- Dirk would like the language changed from interstate trucks to *trucks*. Questioning the definition of “interstate trucks” Jodi suggests “the volume of traffic”, less is more.
- Change to “automobiles and commercial trucks” as well as “increased rates of speed”.
- Omit the bypass sentence so as not to confuse the State.
- The proposed recommendations aim to provide a safer environment for our pedestrians, drivers and cyclists.
- Replace the terminology “town green” with Litchfield Green

**Section 1 (Jodi's draft) changes.**

- Title: 202/63 intersections and North Street 118/202 intersection
- Dirk would like terminology for “The Green” better and more accurately defined as part of a National Historic Landmark District which includes the entire Green and Borough which have special protections under Federal Law.

**Read:** “The designation of the Litchfield Green as a National Historic Landmark affords it special protections under federal law.”

**Section 2**

- Title: Proposed signalization at Town Hall to Rt 202/63 North intersection
- We are grateful for the state DOT acknowledgement of our emergency request and anticipate the elimination of the Meadow Street Ext. crosswalk.
- accidents changed to crashes

**Section 3**

- Title: Rt 202/Milton Rd intersection to the proposed signalized intersection at Town Hall.
- 1. Climbing lane - change to Passing Lane.
- 2. Flashing beacon - remove #2
- Add removal of Spencer St crosswalk with the addition of the light at Town Hall.
- Make paragraph more concise:  
“When this area is on the state calendar for repaving we would like improvements to this area to be considered for cohesive and efficient integration.”

- Raz would like the letter to be signed by the BOS after buy-in from the Borough.
- Public hearing before the letter is sent so the BOS and the Borough are on the same page.
- Jodi would like a joint meeting to come to an agreement. Letter will go to the Borough for endorsement before it is mailed. Source comments from the Borough.
- Denise asks if the Borough has ever expressed concern about traffic and safety before. Lara said not precisely, but they are receptive. When the letter from the BOS, cc. The Borough for endorsement. Motion at the November meeting of the Borough to approve the final draft without modifications.
- Patricia comments that once the letter is drafted then it goes to both boards and our job is done.

Agenda item for the next meeting defining the purpose of our group.

**Ed's modified sketch:**

Add a bike lane and sidewalk to town. Two way entrance to town hall. Removal of crosswalk.

**Appendix B:**

**Section:**

1. No changes
2. No changes
3. Signalizing the proposed new West Street intersection . "Eliminated paragraph re: platoons moves to #4.
4. No changes
5. Recommendation to eliminate is approved. Moved to the first paragraph.

3. Next action items:

- Jodi will make revisions and distribute to Patricia, Ed and Dirk.
- Cliff notes that there will be no crosswalk between Spencer and North Street until improvements are made.
- Add to next agenda - outreach to businesses to publicize parking areas

4. Meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm. Jodi motions, Dirk seconds.