

Litchfield Traffic Safety Community Action Group

Monday, March 25, 2024

5:00pm

Litchfield Firehouse

Zoom link:

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Attendees: Lara Hilman, Patricia Peiffer, Jodi Tenney, Wolf Boehme, Dan Morosani, Kim Fisher, Lauren Sage, Ed Fabbri (zoom)

1. Meeting called to order at 5:05pm.
2. Minutes approved. Lara approves, Patricia seconds.
3. Public Comment: Dan Morosani points out that he'd like a sufficient traffic study to be conducted. He presents several comments and observations citing issues with 118/254 intersection. Jodi notes that we are waiting on the state study. He expresses frustration with the committee, and points out that the 118/254 intersection needs to be a priority. We should push on problems based on their severity. One idea is placing signs on both sides of 118 to collect speed data and lobby the state if we get pushback. Dan makes the suggestion that the Committee make the official recommendation to address that intersection, so that the BOS can put it forth as a budget item. He also feels that speed cameras will help slow down drivers while freeing up our troopers from having to do speed traps.
  - a. If we want to fix state intersections the town needs to fund it.
  - b. Jodi notes we can put speed cameras in trouble spots that generate revenue and feels it should be recommended by the committee that Raz collect mere data and dig deeper. Installing the data collector where the speed limit drops to 40.
    - i. Lauren says in Bantam after the Bantam Bread company people speed down the hill. Also, coming into Bantam going up the hill past Maple St. towards the Market.
    - ii. Refine WAMOGO speed data to account for speed slowdowns due to bus traffic.
  - c. If the town installs a traffic light, we own the light and take full responsibility for it. It will always need to be budgeted for.
4. Announcements: Board of Selectmen meeting for 4/2/24 @ 5:30. Open for public comment.

Raz provides Radar Test sites data, discussed. Compiled data discussed as recommended by Raz.

Additional State Trooper approved as well as extra money for enforcement.
5. Review and revise strategic plan. Wolf presents Google worksheet to help us hone in on our mission working from the problem and moving forward.
  - a. Speed, Volume, Pedestrian Safety
  - b. Responses to Problems

c. Strategies, actions and tactics.

-Patricia notes that pedestrians hit at speeds over 40mph result in a 85% fatality rate. She also reports to the committee on fatalities from the UCONN crash data. She brings the group back to thinking about Public Safety.

-Jodi suggests we begin a **tracker sheet** that documents everything we ask the state for with dates and results.

-Coordinate the timing of the stop lights to maintain vehicle speeds starting at Constitution Way up through the light at Rt. 63 by the green.

-Jodi suggests we define next steps from the state, while also considering what we can do without contacting the state.

6. Other business/next steps: Pedestrian safety, temporary measures to increase pedestrian safety.

***Three priorities for the Committee for the next meeting:***

- Pursue speed camera
- Pedestrian and Walking Safety
- Future media campaign thoughts

7. Adjourn at 6:42. Lara motions, Amanda seconds.