

**VISION ZERO TASK FORCE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, March 20, 2023, 5:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

---

- A. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Town Manager Rick Ledwith.

Present: **Town Staff:** Adrienne Billings-Smith, Eric Dency, Rick Ledwith, Duane Martin, Renee McCue, John Phillips, Greg Sommer, Larry Terra, **Residents:** Sandy Castellon, Tom Condon, Erin Conneely, Mary Donegan, Shana Gibbs, Elizabeth Hanlon, Karen Harrington, Ed Pawlak, Jay Stange

**2. Introductions**

---

- A. Task Force members introduced themselves and welcomed newest committee member Shana Gibbs, who resides in West Hartford and works for the American School for the Deaf.

**3. Vision Zero-Bicycle Facility Plan Consultant**

---

- A. Town Engineer Greg Sommer introduced the Town's Vision Zero-Bicycle Facility Plan Consultant FHI Studio-Toole Design. Michael Morehouse and Parker Sorenson from FHI provided the Committee with an overview of their firm. FHI will participate in all future Task Force Meetings.

**4. Vision Zero Task Force Survey Results**

---

- A. Town Engineer Greg Sommer presented the task force survey results on ideas that may be implemented during the upcoming year prior to action plan being formalized. Ideas were categorized in terms of ease of implementation (Easy,Medium,Hard), cost (\$,\$\$,\$\$\$) and priority (High, Medium, Low). **Quick Implementation Ideas Attached** Committee sub-committees will continue review of suggestions and report back at April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**5. Vision Zero Task Force Team Brainstorming**

---

- A. Committee members identified sub-committee teams they would like to participate on: ***Community Outreach Team:*** Erin Conneely, Elizabeth Hanlon, Karen Harrington, Shana Gibbs ***Walk Audit Team:*** Ed Pawlak, Jay Stange, Mary Donegan ***Campaign/Marketing Team:*** Tom Condon, Sandy Castellon, Karen Harrington ***Data Collection Team:*** Sandy Castellon, Mary Donegan, Ed Pawlak, Jay Stange ***Executive Summary Team:*** To Be Determined **West Hartford Vision Zero Task Force Team Roster Attached**
- B. This agenda item will continue to the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting with continued discussion of quick implementation ideas.

**6. Next Steps**

- A. Task Force identified future meeting dates: April 17, and May 22, in person at 5:00 pm.

B. Vision Statement/Mission Statement will be discussed at the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **7. Adjournment**

---

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

### West Hartford Vision Zero - Quick Implementation Ideas

#	Description of Quick Implementation Solutions	Location	Ease of Implementation	Cost	Priority	Comments
1	Electronic Speed Sign	Trout Brook - Fern to Asylum	Easy	\$	High	
2	Promote Police Dept. enforcement efforts via social media (ie. #of stops/citations per month)		Easy	\$	High	
3	Weekly e-mail blast with safety tips for road users (motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists)		Easy	\$	High	
4	Promote the watchformed.org website		Easy	\$	High	Provides safety tips for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists
5	Reflective arm bands		Easy	\$	High	
6	Draft refers to Legislative delegation empowering elected officials to enact state statutes enabling automated traffic signal and speed limit enforcement.		Easy	\$	High	
7	Install "No Parking Here to Corner" on streets where cars often park	near parks and school (ballard Dr./Marzke League field, King Philip Dr.-Aiken)	Easy	\$	Medium	How is this accomplished?
8	Behavior changes: Encourage pedestrians to signal crossing with raised hand gesture		Easy	\$	High	
9	Crossing Awareness Flags for pedestrian use at midblock crosswalks	various mid-block crosswalks	Easy	\$	Medium	Effectiveness?
10	Install large signs at entrances to town remind drivers, pedestrians and bicyclist to "Slow down and pay attention"		Easy	\$	Medium	
11	Speed enforcement utilizing unmanned police cruisers	N/S Main St, Farmington Ave, Fern St, Albany Ave, New Britain Ave, Trout Brook Dr, and Mountain Rd	Medium	\$	Medium	Unsure if this is allowable, potential union issues, liability?
12	Pedestrian signal equipment	Intersections: Albany Ave/N Main St, Trout Brook Dr/Fern Rd	Medium	\$	High	In process - anticipated install date fall 2023
13	Crosswalk Street Lighting Assessment/Improvements	Quaker Lane South at Boulevard	Medium	\$	High	
14	No Turn on Red - During Red Phase signs	Various crosswalk locations	Medium	\$	Medium	Pending OSTA review/approval
15	Increase police enforcement	Salter Intersections	Medium	\$	Medium	
16	Support legislation to allow traffic cameras to lead to traffic tickets/fines	N/S Main St	Medium	\$	Medium	Currently not allowed in CT
17	Improve motorists yielding to pedestrians by behavioral changes through a combination of: * Citations and educational flyers * Public feedback (last week % of yielding; Record %) * Gateway in-street signs in problematic areas around town	Farmington Ave, Quaker Lane, New Britain Ave, Albany Ave, Main St, Oakwood Ave, and New Park Ave. Intersections: Farmington Ave/Main St, Albany Ave/N Main St, Trout Brook Dr/Park Rd	Medium	\$	Medium	
18	Removable speed humps as temporary trail		Medium	\$	Medium	Refer to Traffic Calming Program
19	Speed Cushions	Strategic locations on Mountain, Fern, Boulevard, Mohagan, Hillcrest	Medium	\$	Medium	
20	Traffic Calming on Main Street. Reduce travel lane widths and bike lane hardening	North/South Main St	Medium	\$	Medium	
21	Bike Lane Hardening	Fern St	Medium	\$	Medium	
22	Reduce Travel Lane Widths	Quaker Lane N/S - Fern St to New Britain Ave Boulevard Quaker Lane N/S - Fern St to New Britain Ave Boulevard	Medium Medium Medium Medium	\$ \$ \$ \$	Medium Medium Medium Medium	
23	Centerline rumble strips	Smithton Rd (Rte 285)	Medium	\$	Medium	
24	Delicateer posts to reduce large radii at the corner of intersections	Mohagan Dr	Medium	\$	Medium	
25	Curb Extensions	Strategic locations on Boulevard e/o Trout Brook, Mohagan, and Mountain	Hard	\$	Medium	
26	Bicycle Parking Corral	Lsallie/Elsworth and Lsallie/Farmington,	Medium	\$	Low	
27	Crosswalk light - Improve visibility by changing color of the flashing lights from amber to red	N Main St/Wywood Rd	Hard	\$	Low	Not allowable per Manual of Uniform Traffic Control
28	Road Diet	New Britain Ave (Route 71/173) Albany Ave (Route 44) Trout Brook Dr New Park Ave	Hard Hard Medium Medium	\$\$\$ \$\$ \$ \$	Need to review crash data in order to prioritize locations.	
29	Intersection Improvements: Remove right turn slip lanes, reduce lane widths, add ped crossings for Mountain Rd	Farmington Ave - Ridgewood to Didd Mill Mountain Rd at Albany Ave	Medium Hard	\$ \$	High	In process - anticipated start of construction fall 2023
30	Roundabouts:	1. Mountain Road and Fern St. 2. Trout Brook and Asylum 3. Trout Brook and Fern 4. Farmington and Mountain 5. Boulevard and Quaker 6. Fern and Cumberland 7. Park, and Quaker 8. Ridgewood and Turnus 9. South Main and Park 10. Quaker Lane South and Trout Brook 11. Asylum and Steele 12. Mountain and Fagg 13. King Phillip and Mohawk	Hard Hard Hard Hard Hard Hard Hard Hard Hard Hard Hard Hard Hard	\$\$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$	Roundabouts are not Quick Implementation projects. Are there documented safety issues at these locations?	

## West Hartford Vision Zero Task Force

### Community Outreach Team

*Staff Member(s) Lawrence (Larry) Terra & Adrienne Billings-Smith*

Erin Conneely

Elizabeth Hanlon

Shana Gibbs

### Walk Audit

*Staff Member: Duane Martin, Eric Dency & John Philip*

Ed Pawlak

Jay Stange

Mary Donegan

### Campaign/Marketing Team

*Staff Member: Renee McCue & Mark Bassett*

Tom Condon

Sandra Castellon

Karen Harrington

### Date Collection:

**Team will not meet this meeting (Greg & Duane will present for entire group)**

*Staff Member(s): Greg Sommer & Duane Martin*

Sandra Castellon

Ed Pawlak

Jay Stange

### Executive Summary Team (TBD)