

# **Pedestrian Infrastructure Advisory Committee to the Darien, Connecticut, Board of Selectmen**

## **Draft Minutes**

Date: November 3, 2015

Present: Terry Duffy, Elizabeth Harmon, Pat Morrissey, Holly Schulz-Amatruda, Jennifer Morgan, & Bert von Stuelpnagel.

Absent: Ted Hawkins, Joanna Garrett, Susanne Handler

This was the 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Pedestrian Infrastructure Advisory Committee (PIAC) since formation on June 30.

Chair, Beth Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

The minutes from October 27<sup>th</sup> were approved.

Darien resident, Mark Raskpf of Andrews Lane attended the meeting and expressed his concern for increased traffic, and his perceived apathy of drivers for pedestrian safety throughout town. He indicated that after meeting with various town officials that his views had “fallen on deaf ears.” Mr. Raskpf was grateful that the Committee had been established to address these issues, and recommended that going forward, the PIAC look to the New Canaan “Traffic Calming Committee” as a model for addressing traffic issues in town.

Discussion followed regarding the process and format for the PIAC’s final report to the Selectmen. Pat Morrissey handed out the completed Hot Spot reports to date, and committed to providing Jeremy Ginsberg of the Darien Planning & Zoning Commission with the PIAC maps as well as the results of the recent town-wide PIAC survey.

It was determined that Pat, Bert and Terry would refine, edit and assemble all of the respective Hot Spot reports, and that Jennifer would take the lead in composing the final written report. In addition, it was hoped that Ted would be amenable to presenting our final report to the Selectmen. The final PIAC report should include a summary of the dialogues had with community leaders, each respective member’s maps and photos, a summary of the results of the survey, short and long-term recommendations and impediments, as well as our recommendations on how the town’s process for dealing with these issues might be improved.

The Committee agreed that our next immediate steps are for each member to develop (in bullet fashion) their individual findings and recommendations (including high value improvements) and other ideas related to “process.” These bullet points are to be submitted to both Beth and Pat before the next meeting. Jennifer will assemble and craft these points into a draft of the final document. Anyone wishing to help Jennifer with this important next step would be welcome.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

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Respectfully submitted by Pat Morrissey, Co-chair