Traffic Safety Committee Meeting, July 21, 2026

Present: Amy Carter, Katy Thompson, Hannah Kurz, Siena Kaplan-Thompson, Karl Behr

5:06 meeting called to order

Karl walked down the street with an engineer from HEB. He said they could make recommendations, it would cost about $12,000. Karl also suggested we look into the Plan NH Charette. They would do that for $6,500 plus food and lodging, the total would be $8,000. Once again, you end up with recommendations. That would include engineering and landscape info. It's a two-day event, Friday and Saturday. They talk to town officials, and then they have a community hearing where they take input, walk the area you're talking about, then they have private get togethers and talk among themselves.

In the meantime, the Planning Board is updating the Tamworth Master Plan. They've contracted with Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) to do it for them. One of the chapters is on transportation, which includes traffic. The guy Karl talked to at HEB was recommending that we go with Plan NH because we get more bang for our buck. Karl also talked to Glenn Trefethen, the traffic specialist at LRPC, who's involved in the Master Plan work. He said he can hold a charette for us, he's found the money to pay for it, in October. The timeline would be:

- late July/early August LRPC is holding interviews with people involved in each chapter, one will be transportation.
- Mid-August to mid-September they're going to do a big survey, as comprehensive as possible.
- Late September they'll do a poster session, similar to the poster session at the land the town now owns on 113.
- LRPC will draft the chapters for the planning board to approve or disapprove through the winter.

After the poster session in September, we could do the transportation charette. Tamworth Village is been the area the Planning Board has chosen to focus on.

Side discussion of crosswalks in other villages of Tamworth. There are hopes of getting flashing light crosswalks in Chocorua and South Tamworth, with either lights alerting drivers as they approach the crosswalk, or lights flashing at the crosswalk after a pedestrian pushes a button. Hopefully this would help address the issues people have raised about pedestrian safety in those villages.

With the LRPC charette, would engineers etc. weigh in, and give us a similar plan to the HEB or Plan NH? Karl will ask.

Glen also told Karl about a CMAQ grant (congestion mitigation and air quality), which seems appropriate for us. We'd bring a letter of intent this fall, the application is due next January.

It makes sense to get it in the master plan.

Siena presented the proposal to the Selectboard last month

- Lianne's request was to talk to a traffic engineer and the fire department before they give the go-ahead for repainting and moving the blocks
- Karl emailed with Ryan O'Connor, but Karl isn't sure he got the information Lianne was looking for. Also, Ryan isn't a traffic engineer, he's a city planner.

Siena will ask Ryan some more specific questions, and maybe reach out to a traffic engineer she knows

- Are there any rules about roads and parking that we might not have considered, that we should?
- Does our plan follow traffic rules?

Karl will ask the fire chief

What's the plan for the 4-way stop and turning lane? The DOT is going ahead

Karl will send out details on the CMAQ grant

Do we need to make a decision as a committee to be part of the master plan?

Karl will talk to Glen

- How does the charette Glen would do as part of the Master Plan compare with the Plan NH charette?
- Would we be ready to apply for the CMAQ grant if we did either charette, or would we need more info or engineering studies first?

He'll suggest the planning board talk to the LRPC doing the Master Plan work to talk to us when they get to the transportation chapter

Amy will talk to Eldridge's about the plan, to loop them in and see how they feel

Meeting adjourned 5:53 pm