

Vision Zero Council
June 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
This virtual public meeting was hosted on Zoom

Council Members Present: Commissioner Garrett Eucalitto, Aaron Swanson, Susan Logan, Alexander Cintron, Jon Slifka, Nancy Chupak, Jim Polites

Council Members Absent: Keith Norton

Other Attendees: Travis Gendron, Andrea Merejo, Laura Baum, Douglas Hausladen, Samuel Boss, Adam Weber, Bryan Pavlik, Roger Krahn, Aaron Goode, Allen Freidrich, Barabara Schori, Judith Proctor, Josh Morgan, John Harkins, Chris Smith, Anthony Silva, Stephanie Poulin, Anna Stern, Paul Ashworth, Elizabeth Keyes, Erika Lindeberg, Jake Fusco

- I. Committee Chair Welcome and Introduction**
- II. Adoption of 3/27/24 Minutes**
-Motion by Jon Slifka to adopt, no abstentions.
- III. Impaired Driving Data Update**
-Presentation by CTDOT Flavia Pereira, PhD: Alcohol/Drug Impaired Driving Data Trends
- IV. Department of Consumer-Protection Liquor Control Division Update**
-Presentation by Caitlin Anderson: Liquor Control's Role in Combating Drunk Driving
- V. Department of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHAS) Services Update**
-Presentation by Julienne Giard, LCSW: Overview of DMHAS Substance Use Services Prevention, Pretrial Intervention Program, Media Campaigns
- VI. Department of Public Health**
-Presentation by Susan Logan & Alyson Codner: Injury Surveillance & Cannabis Surveillance
- VII. Sub-Committee Updates**
 - Engineering
 - Enforcement
 - Equity

- Education

VIII. Next Steps

- VZ Schools of Distinction Awards
- Local VZ Spotlights
- Future Meeting Dates for 2024:

- 9/26/24
- 12/10/24

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IX. Public Comment

-Roger Krahn (Online &A): Who are the four schools awarded the Vision Zero distinction awards?

-Aaron Swanson: I don't have that in front of me right now, I know Canton was one of them, but I'll get that to you or that's something that we can post.

-Commissioner Garrett Eucalitto: Yeah and Aaron when do we do award that to the schools in the Fall we'll do like an announcement around that.

-Terri Thompson: Thank you, just a couple of quick things. I have a question regarding the Liquor Control, and it's directed at Caitlin. Large venues, I've attended as a sponsor, Live Nation and things like that, and I've seen some pretty risky behavior on the part of participants that go to concerts and some of these bigger events. How do you manage that or are you have a presence there? I see a lot of people drinking even before they get into an event and coming into the events extremely intoxicated.

-Caitlin Anderson: So that again, is sort of goes to our licensing issues. Our jurisdiction sort of extends to the four walls of the venue and limited instances. We can sometimes connect activities that occur inside a premise and spill out. Like a fight or shootings or whatnot but most of our jurisdiction is contained to inside the premise so things that happen in the parking lot we may not be able to address, but if someone is being served and they are intoxicated, that would be a referral. Again, like I described where we would have to go and try to investigate if you could pull receipts, tabs, video surveillance, social media, postings, videos, etc., etc., to see if you could substantiate that kind of charge. I don't have the staff to post agents at every single event at The Meadows or the XL Center or any of our other large event venues, we just don't have that capacity. So we do lie largely on self-reporting and referrals from PDs if there are issues.

-Judith Proctor (Online Q&A): Red light and speed cameras were part of the VZ bill, is there any data on communities that have adopted cameras?

-Commissioner Garret Eucalitto: I can answer that. So to date, ConnDOT has not received any applications for many municipalities. I know at least one municipality has voted internally inside their community in their local legislative body to approve it and to approve an application to ConnDOT, but it has not been received yet. So no municipalities have acted to apply yet.

-Judith Proctor: Are there any ways to facilitate the process so municipalities can move to adopting the cameras?

-Commissioner Garret Eucalitto: ConnDOT has made ourselves available to any municipality that wants to discuss. So the ones that have been interested have been working with us, but they just have not actually submitted applications to us yet.

-Judith Proctor: Okay, so if a member public wishes my municipality to work on this.

- Commissioner Garret Eucalitto: Yes, if a member of the public is interested, members of public should be pushing their local legislator, or their local 1st Selectman or mayor as well as their local board of selectmen, city council, town council, representative town meeting because it has to go from them to us. They have to take the first step and so we have answered many questions from some and are helping them in the process, but it has to originate from them.

X. Adjourn

-Call to meeting adjourned by Commissioner Garrett Eucalitto.

Commented [FJD2]: There were some audio issues coming in from these questions during the meeting but this is how I believe the questions were more or less framed.