

## Columbia County Traffic Safety Board Report

The Columbia County Traffic Safety Board met at the Public Safety Building in Hudson on Thursday, July 28, 2022.

Chairman Fred Schultz has resigned from the CCTSB, citing health issues. This leaves the CCTSB without a Chairman and without an Executive Secretary. Election of Officers has been scheduled for our September meeting, and we expect to elect a new Chairman, as well as Vice-Chair and Recording Secretary. The Executive Secretary, however, must be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Vice-Chairman Henry Swartz advised that the County is hoping to budget for an engineer, whose duties will include serving as the Executive Secretary to the CCTSB.

Work on the Transco Power Line system throughout Columbia County is nearly complete. The company is reaching out to towns regarding mitigation of damages caused to public roads during the project.

Reconstruction of TSP from Route 217 to I-90 has begun. The road is reduced to one lane in both directions during the project.

Route 20 through New Lebanon has been made a part of the National Medal of Honor Highway.

Laws have passed both the Senate (S3532) and the Assembly (A811A) allowing for more visible green lights or alternating green and amber lights on municipal vehicles used for snow and ice (not a requirement for towns at this time).

The Columbia County Highway Department provided the following update:

- CR 15 in Taghkanic: Work has been completed. Shoulder back-up to begin in August.
- CR 9, Livingston and Gallatin: Paving is complete; shoulder back-up to begin in August.
- CR 9, Ghent and Chatham: Paving is underway and striping will be done late summer/early fall.
- CR 7, Gallatin: Intersection realignment at CR 11 junction is complete.
- Ongoing drainage projects CR 19 Livingston, CR 7 Gallatin, and CR 5 Canaan.
- Woodward Bridge reconstruction (CR 7) in Gallatin is progressing.
- CR 18 (Fish & Game Road) Claverack: Contracts signed, construction to begin late summer.
- Stall Bridge, Pleasant Vale Road in Clermont closed permanently to vehicle and pedestrian traffic due to deteriorated girders. Construction of new bridge not expected before 2025.

The next Meeting of the Traffic Safety Board is scheduled for September 22, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Swartz, Town of Taghkanic CCTSB Representative  
and CCTSB Recording Secretary