

MINUTES
Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Committee Meeting
December 12, 2022

**Due to ongoing construction activity at South Bethany Town Hall, this meeting was held remotely via GoToMeeting.*

Attendees: Bob Biciocchi (Chair), Glenn Tom, Bob Shields, Edie Dondero, Ritt Dallaire
Absent: Dennis Roberts, Bill Tinklepaugh, Rob Herb

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Biciocchi at 1:34 PM. New member Ritt Dallaire, 444 Black Gum Drive, was introduced and welcomed to the Committee.

The minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

There were no members of the public present and, thus, no public comment period.

Discussion of Proposed FY2024 Budget Items

Mr. Biciocchi reported that he confirmed with the Town Manager that the proposed Public Works budget will include funds to repaint the existing speed humps and the “walking man” stencils; replace the faded Wrong Way signs on Ocean Drive; and change the speed limit signs on the appropriate streets.

Ms. Dondero questioned whether additional “walk facing traffic/ride with traffic” signs were needed in addition to those installed in spring 2022 on the following streets: Black Gum, Cattail, Tamarack, Canal, Evergreen, Russell, Anchorage and Bayshore. It was decided that no signs were needed on Ocean Drive but that the Committee would look at other streets and evaluated if any additional signs are needed.

The signs on Kent Avenue detailing the Black Gum seasonal turning restrictions were discussed and it was decided that the Committee would request a replacement of the existing signs which are very hard to read. Concern was expressed over the difficulty of reading the signs and how it could cause an accident. Mr. Dallaire questioned whether a flashing “no turn” arrow could be programmed to turn on during the appropriate time periods. Ms. Dondero reminded that any signs placed on Kent Avenue would need the approval of DelDOT as they have jurisdiction over that roadway.

Ms. Dondero questioned whether the traffic control islands at the intersection of Cattail and Tamarack Drives could be eliminated or replaced with something not routinely broken. Discussion ensued about the potential difficulty of commercial delivery trucks making that turn. The Committee decided to explore the reasoning and purpose of the traffic lane islands in total

now that the area is controlled by Stop signs with Stop lines in both directions. Chair Biciocchi would follow up with the Chief and Town representative for a better understanding.

The Committee discussed the Bike Rodeo held in July 2022 and decided to propose repeating the event on Saturday, July 15, 2023. Mr. Biciocchi will submit a budget request in the amount of \$1500 to cover the cost of the event.

Other topics discussed included the creation of educational materials for distribution to residents and renters; means of distributing safety materials to renters including distributing to local rental agencies and/or handing out with parking passes; and creating a safety video inspired by the W.A.V.E. video created by the Town of Bethany Beach.

New Committee Members

Mr. Biciocchi informed the members that there is still one seat available on the Committee. Cat Hill and west side canal streets are well represented currently and the Committee would be interested in seeking out a resident from either Ocean Drive or York Road to serve as the final member.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27pm. The next meeting will be held in February 2023, date to be determined.