

DEC. 2025 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety (Shields)

Conducted Committee Meeting on 11/13/2025. Discussed following topics:

- **Feedback from Town Council** decision regarding reducing SB speed limit. Pointed out that hard data would be necessary to resurface the issue.
- **Motorized scooter discussion** - Pointed out that State law only permits us to enforce existing requirements like speed limits, helmets, adult supervision and specified markings. Motorized scooters are treated in law as very similar to E-Bikes. Ocean City and Bethany Beach have seen a significant uptick in motorized scooter violations.
- **Bethany Beach crosswalks:** Bethany Beach is adding more crosswalks on Rt. 26 by the Wawa and Bethany Diner. Asked if we needed additional or modified crossings. No new requirements at this time.
- **Stop sign enhancements:** In season, the stop sign at Canal leaving town hall is in a heavy traffic area where rolling through the stop sign is a frequent occurrence. A red flashing light was recommended due to the heavy traffic.
- **Other traffic marking improvements:** Committee was pleased to hear that stop bars throughout Town will be renewed. Recommended that the committee members walk or drive the town for discovery purposes and then propose additional requirements for the next budget cycle starting in January 2026
- **Obscured Bike Paths:** Important to keep pine needles off of bike paths. Pedestrians and bike riders tend to walk or ride in the road if the paths are covered.
- **Off Season Bicycle and Pedestrian Hazards:** Strong enforcement of current rules is more possible and recommended as the population is smaller in the off season. Also the early onset of darkness does increase hazards to pedestrians and cyclists at dusk. Committee members want to add to the January meeting a discussion about the pedestrian path on the South side of Rt. 1.

Next meeting will be focused on proposed safety requirements in new budget submissions.

Budget & Finance (Bartholomew)

The Budget & Finance Committee met on December 5th to discuss the following:

- The investment accounts.
- Reviewing the YTD results from operations.

Resiliency (Dondero)

The Committee last met on November 19, 2025.

The application for a Surface Water Planning Grant to plan flood mitigation for the secondary streets in York Beach was not selected. The Committee will ask Council to fund 100% of the cost of the project this current fiscal year. Future projects were also discussed and prioritized in preparation for work on the FY2027 operating budget.

The Committee also discussed the Town's ordinance provisions related to freeboard and reached consensus on a recommended change. The recommendation for an amendment to the ordinance will come to Council at a future meeting.