

## **FEBRUARY 2026 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **BIKE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY (Shields)**

Next meeting is scheduled for 26 February 2026 to discuss pedestrian and bicycle safety considerations in the budget process and begin preparations for the 2026 Bike Rodeo.

### **CANAL WATER QUALITY (Biciocchi)**

The Committee last met on December 15, 2025. The action items were for the Chair to consider the recommendations of the Committee to review existing Town Code ordinances as they pertain to existing and planned drainage pipes from homeowner properties directly into the canal and also overgrowth of vegetation on homeowners' properties.

The Chair examined the existing language and found ample description in the Code whereby homeowners could understand that active management of their properties would benefit the health and care of the canals adjacent to their property. The Code was not specific as to Enforcement or Remedy in relation to the Code in these areas and the Chair communicated these points to the Mayor, Town Manager and Inspector.

The recommendation by the Chair to the Town is to communicate awareness through various Town publications (newsletters) about property vegetation maintenance with the Town leading by example in its Landscaping and Pruning of Town-Owned areas around the canals as part of a Spring Cleanup effort.

The Chair, assisted by Committee Member, Chris Carlisle, in follow up to our Report to Council, contacted the Woods Hole Group (WHG) to establish the Town's interest in refreshing the WHG report from 2018. This report is used as prerequisite data for Canal Dredging to occur under the authorization of DNREC. The report provides an update to bathymetric data and core sampling informing about the depths and shallows of the canal basin including aquatic vegetation, soil composition, and possible use cases for our dredged spoils.

The report outline will be part of the Committee input for the Town Council February 27 Budget session.

### **COMMUNITY RELATIONS (Keefe)**

Nothing to report

## **RESILIENCY (Dondero)**

The Committee last met on January 21<sup>st</sup> and will meet next on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Committee reviewed the report from the 2025 community planning process led by the consultants from the University of Delaware. The ordinance changes recommended in the report were items that had been on the Committee's workplan to address. The Committee supports the creation of both a Resiliency Fund and a Disaster Relief Fund.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) for a flood mitigation project on the secondary streets in York Beach closes next week. Award of the contract will be an agenda item for the March Council meeting.

An RFP for an MT-2 Coastal Analysis, which is a requirement of FEMA before the Town can permit any bulkheads to be raised, was also published and proposals are due in March.