

Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 04/23/2026

Time: 1:00pm to 2:30 pm

Location: South Bethany Beach Town Hall (No zoom attendees)

Facilitator: Robert Shields (Facilitator called meeting to order)

ATTENDEES

Robert Shields, Kathy Wood, Ed Kelchner, Rob Herb, Mark O'Brien and Dennis Roberts, Chief Lovins

ABSENT

One committee member absent (6 in person and 1 absent)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item #1: Approval of Meeting Minutes 02/26/2026

Details: Approved all in Favor.

Item #2: Public Comment (3- minutes limit per speaker)

Details: No Public Comments

NEW BUSINESS

Item #3: Discuss feedback from 3-26 Bethany Beach Learning/Sharing Workshop

Details: Bob Shields attended the workshop and updated the committee including the Bethany Beach interest in our “Grab the Flag” proposed plan for this summer. A discussion occurred about the interest in the use of a silent policeman in an effort to deter speeding on Rte One. Bethany Beach continues to upgrade all of their crosswalks and will be adding a median on Rte 26 near DiFebos restaurant.

Item #4: Chief Lovins police department update as it relates to safety

Details: Overtime was approved for the summer to allow designated officers to focus on pedestrian safety. Designated officers will patrol on bicycles this summer with a keen eye on pedestrian safety. Discussion concerning specific pedestrian hot spots focusing on the stop sign at Russell and Canal during the 3p to 5 p hours as people come home from the beach. It was suggested that the Chief park a marked police vehicle a few times per week at the red house located at the corner of Russell and Canal with the owners permission as a deterrent for motorists running the stop sign.

Item #5: Discuss planning for July 11 Bike Rodeo

Details: Kathy Wood will work with her contacts to obtain bicycle safety aids such as reflectors and helmets for the rodeo. Chief Lovins will check how many items we have remaining from the 2025 rodeo. Bob Sheilds offered to start a volunteer sign up sheet. Confirmation of al of these details will occur at our May committee meeting.

Item #4: Discuss progress on Orange Flag Pilot Project including a “Grab a Flag” publicity campaign
Details: We are waiting for final approval from Delaware DOT to implement the program at our test locations. Once approval has been obtained the necessary equipment and signage will be ordered with the goal of a Memorial Day weekend start.

It was suggested and agreed to by the committee to have the proper representative notify the press (Coastal Point and local television media) in an effort to begin the education of the program and introduce to the general public. It was also suggested that we ask the South Bethany Property Association to include the information in their well read newsletter.

Item #5: Nighttime walkers

Details: Discussion occurred regarding nighttime walkers and the recommendation to use flashlights or reflective material while walking.

by: Mark O'Brien (Committee member)



Signature: _____

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