

Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 05/19/2026

Time: 1:00pm to 2:00 pm

Location: South Bethany Beach Town Hall

Facilitator: Robert Shields (Facilitator called meeting to order)

ATTENDEES

Robert Shields, Kathy Wood, Ed Kelchner, Rob Herb, Mark O'Brien, Beth Rosso (via zoom) and Mayor Dondero

ABSENT

Chief Lovins, Dennis Roberts

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item #1: Approval of Meeting Minutes 04/23/2026

Details: Approved all in Favor.

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

Details: No Public Comments

NEW BUSINESS

Item #3: Discuss preparations and status of “Grab a Flag” pilot project

Details: Pilot project on hold while waiting for the necessary State approval. The equipment and materials have been identified and a quick ramp up is expected. The pilot project is set to start at the Anchorage Drive and Bayshore Drive pedestrian walkways. A discussion with the Chief is recommended to have patrolling officers ensure that the flags be available on the West side of Rte 1 in the AM hours and the East side in the PM hours if at all possible. It was suggested that the additional 3 bicycle officers could be of assistance with this effort.

Mark OBrien will forward a link regarding the current pedestrian flag operation to all committee members.

Item #4: Discuss any new pedestrian and cyclist hazards and potential solutions with a focus on the new beach season.

Details: The Mayor suggested that “face traffic” verbiage be added to the paint stencils that direct pedestrian traffic that were put in place over the winter throughout the town. It was also suggested and

agreed by all in attendance that a fresh coat of paint be added because many have already faded due to the harsh winter conditions. Further discussion regarding nighttime bicycle safety and this committee's recommendation that cyclists and dog walkers wear reflective materials of some kind after sunset. Bob Shields offered to communicate with the Bethany Beach pedestrian and bicycle committee to inquire as to how they distribute safety information and other general information to home owners and rentals. Mark OBrien offered to visit the top rental realtors and ask that they distribute the South Bethany information to all weekly and weekend rentals.

Item #5: Discuss preparations and assignments for July 11 Bike Rodeo

Details: All attending committee members confirmed today that they will be attending and assisting the operation of the Bike Rodeo from 9am until 11:30 am on July 11th.

Kathy Wood confirmed that safety handouts will be delivered during the latter part of June.

ABC site and personnel are confirmed for the rodeo.

Bob Shields will discuss with Maureen (Town Manager) the bike course to ensure the course is operational and available throughout the 9am to 11:30am hours.

A discussion occurred and all agreed that we combine 2 tables this year. (Safety Gear table and Meet and Literature table).

Every detail will be confirmed at the June committee meeting.

by: Mark O'Brien (Committee member)



Signature: _____

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