

Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 06/25/2026

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, Mark O'Brien, Beth Rosso, Dennis Roberts, Chief Lovins and Rob Herb (via zoom)

ABSENT

All Present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item #1: Approval of Meeting Minutes 05/19/2026

Details: Approved all in Favor.

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

Details: No Public Comments

NEW BUSINESS

Item #3: Discuss any emergent pedestrian and or bicycle safety issues

Details: Lengthy discussion concerning pedestrian crosswalk safety including anecdotal evidence of a number of near misses. The committee voted unanimously on 2 separate motions. 1) recommendation to install whirly bird flags on designated stop signs and pedestrian crossing signs throughout the town. These red flags were recently installed on Rte 26 in Bethany Beach. 2) Install red flashing lights at the stop sign on Russell and Canal entering Cat Hill. This area continues to be a problem spot particularly in the late afternoon hours as people depart from the beach and head home.

Chief Lovins informed the committee that the bicycle police have concluded the necessary training and will be patrolling our streets as soon as their equipment arrives. The committee was also informed that police will offer safety education on July 4th at high traffic pedestrian crosswalks on Rte 1. The Chief also confirmed that communication has been confirmed with our life guard captain to notify police if the beach will be closing due to inclement weather. Officers on duty will assist pedestrians crossing Rte 1.

Bob Shields will communicate with the Town Manager regarding a fresh paint job on the street stencils which have faded.

Item #4: Update status on Grab a Flag pilot project

Details: Grab a Flag pilot project is awaiting approval from Del Dot which is expected next week. Installation should take a couple of days at the 2 designated crosswalks once approved.

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

Details: All committee members have agreed to participate and will arrive at 8am. Cathy Wood confirmed that we will be receiving a generous amount of bike safety equipment next week to distribute at the Rodeo. There will be helmets, lights, reflectors and safety vests. Bob Shields has offered to provide water for the volunteers and Rob Herb has promised an 85 degree sunny day. The fire truck has been confirmed for the kids' enjoyment. 24 signs advertising the event have been posted to inform the community around town.

by: Mark O'Brien (Committee member)



Signature: _____

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