

Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 08/13/2026

Time: 10:00am to 12:00 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 (via phone)

ABSENT

Rob Herb

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item #1: Approval of Meeting Minutes 06/25/2026

Details: Approved all in Favor.

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

Details: No Public Comments

NEW BUSINESS

Item #3: Discuss the lessons learned and recap 2026 Bike Rodeo

Details: There was consensus agreement that this year's event was a success. We have enough equipment to give away next year with the exception of blinking lights. The only negative discussed was the absence of the fire truck and ice cream truck. The committee will continue to review the timing of the rodeo in future meetings with Memorial Day weekend being suggested because of cooler weather and more residents in town.

It was suggested that a representative from South Bethany send a note of thanks to our outside volunteers.

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

Details: It was learned that our program has in fact been approved by DELDOT but we still await an official permit. The committee recommends an immediate installation using orange flags at the 2 identified areas once the permit is received. It was also recommended that once we receive the permit

we immediately create a formal request to DELDOT for implementation of the remaining 7 to 9 pedestrian locations to avoid another delay and be ready for the summer of 2027.

Item #5: Update status of street markings, stop sign enhancements and digital speed signs.

Details: New stencil painting will occur this September. The majority of the stencils are badly faded and it was suggested that the maintenance department refresh all stencils in early Spring to be ready for the summer season. We are awaiting flashing lights and whirlybird red signs which are on order. A discussion occurred regarding our solar powered lights and in particular the one at Canal and Tamarack. Is the light and any future lights only functioning through solar power and are they visible in the daylight hours? The town has one big flashing sign. Is it fully functional? Should it be located all of the time at the South end of town or should the sign be moved regularly. In addition, should the town request a new flashing sign from the State so we have two to cover the State's highway properly.

Item #6: Review data from remote traffic monitors

Details: Chief Lovins was not present at today's meeting so no data review occurred. The Chief did inform the committee of his renewed 50-50 focus on town streets. Officers are instructed to be visible on town streets half the time while spending the other half on the State highway.

Item#7: Discuss any new concerns

Details: Kathy Wood introduced the committee to the new "Wave" campaign concerning bicycle and pedestrian safety for Bethany Beach. It was suggested that we produce our own fliers which would be distributed at town hall and various rental agencies.

by: Mark O'Brien (Committee member)



Signature: _____

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