

OCTOBER 2026 COMMITTEE REPORTS

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY (Shields)

- DELDOT approved our Get a Flag pilot project. Material has been ordered. Council approved a plan to use October 2026 as a proof of concept period. To facilitate that Chief Lovins, Bob Shields, Nick Donatoni and Mark O'Brien scoped out the actual location of flag containers at intersections of Bayshore and Anchorage with Rte 1. Plan is to gain lessons learned from October deployment, then apply for full scale (10 crosswalk) authorization and develop a volunteer group to assist the Committee and Police Force in managing the project. Training video and a card for Town Hall rack are being developed.
- Committee met on 9/24 and discussed following items:
 - Accidents in neighboring communities and how to avoid them
 - Recent Council decision on purchase of safety items
 - Newsletter safety comments
 - Lessons learned from 2026 Summer season
 - Cat Hill transit data compiled by Chief Lovins - highlights were 1451 vehicles transited Cat Hill over Labor Day weekend. Average speed 18 MPH; max speed 25 MPH
 - Get a Flag update (same as above)
- Next meeting planned for October 8.

BUDGET & FINANCE (Keefe)

The Committee met on September 21, 2026. All members attended the meeting.

Treasurer Van Horn reviewed both the Monthly Treasurer Report and Statement of Revenues & Expenses. All revenues and expenses are in line with expectations for this time of year.

The Treasurer also reviewed and answered questions on items of interest in the Audit. The consensus was that the Audit was well done and that a few bookkeeping recommendations would be implemented in the coming months.

The Committee reviewed the Operating Fund Policy which had not been reviewed since 2015. The document details the ranges that govern the amount of funds held in the Operating Reserve. These ranges remain accurate today. The Committee determined that the Policy did not need to be altered at this time.

The Capital Needs/Infrastructure Plan was updated, and additional capital needs were added. Funding for these additional categories, the Operating Reserve and the ARM, was discussed. The Committee voted unanimously that the Operating Reserve Fund should be increased within the range dictated by the Operating Reserve Policy. The Committee affirmed that the ARM should also be fully funded.

The Committee's recommendations regarding the reallocation of funds for the Operating Reserve Fund and the ARM will need to be addressed by the Town Council in the next Town meeting.

The next B&F Committee meeting will be on October 20 at 9:00 a.m.

CHARTER & CODE (Giler)

No SB Charter and Code Committee meeting was scheduled in September. At the September 24 Town Council Workshop, Tom Barletta, Carl Bittenbender, Eric Compton, Scott Gentilucci, Maria Vershel and Ronald Jaicks were confirmed to the South Bethany Charter and Code Committee for the coming year.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS (Van Horn)

The Committee last met on September 30, 2026.

The CRC held a Coffee with the Birds on September 18, 2026. The event was very well attended and very informative. Thank you to John and Sandy Janowski for leading it! We hope to do one again in the Spring on the beach.

Our Fall Bonfire on the beach is scheduled for October 23, 2026 from 7 - 8:30. With the current condition of the beach, this event might be cancelled.

November 6th, at 9AM, is Coffee with Chris Keefe, Budget and Finance Chair.

December 5th at 5PM is our annual Holiday Tree Lighting.

Our next CRC meeting will be held on 11/10/26 at 10AM.