NOVEMBER 2026 COMMITTEE REPORTS

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY (Shields)

- Conducted committee meeting on October 8. Primary focuses were Grab a Flag Program implementation and Lessons Learned from 2026 Summer Season
- Grab a Flag Project Summary — The two pilot sites have been located on Route 1 at Anchorage Drive and Bayshore Drive with flag stations on the East and West Sides. Containers have been attached to a town stop sign on the East side and new posts located on both sides of Rte.1. Initial project will run until mid-November when flags will be retired for the Winter. Initial feedback has been positive though usage has been light. The committee recommends a formal request be submitted to DelDOT for the additional 8 (est) crosswalks (projected cost is $200 apiece) in preparation for a Spring 2027 launch. The Spring launch will include an educational video which will be available on the Towns website and issued to the media based on the Mayor's approval.
- Digital speed indicator has been installed on Black Gum providing speeds for those entering Cat Hill. Another is planned for Anchorage Dr.
- Reviewed safety lessons learned from 2026 Summer Season. We were lucky with no serious incidents. Surrounding towns were not so fortunate. Several deaths / serious accidents in neighboring areas. Need stronger focus in future on electric scooters and bikes.
- Plan major upgrade effort in Spring to rim vision impeding vegetation and restore all street markings.
- Next meeting planned for Nov. 12.

BUDGET & FINANCE (Keefe)

The Committee met on October 20, 2026. All members attended the meeting in person.

Treasurer Van Horn reviewed both the Monthly Treasurer Report and Statement of Revenues & Expenses. A Mid Year review of the Town's finances was done. The following revenue and expense items that were specifically addressed.

-The Committee expects most Rental Tax revenue later this month and into November.

-The Realty Transfer Tax revenue figure was through Aug, but when known settlements are added, the RTT number is in line with the budgeted figure.

-Regarding Expenses, the Lifeguard budget exceeded expectations due to higher wages, bonuses and budgeting. The Town Manager and the Captain of the Beach Patrol will examine current hiring practices with an understanding that beach safety is the priority.

The Committee reviewed the Capital Asset Capitalization and Depreciation Policy which outlines the parameters for the ARM. We will be asking our Auditor if there should be a change regarding the initial dollar amount of an asset that should be included in the depreciation schedule. This number may impact future ARM funding amount calculations.

The next B&F Committee meeting will be on December 1 at 9:00am.

CHARTER & CODE (Giler)

The Charter and Code Committee met on November 2 at Town Hall. All members were present with Tom Barletta, Scott Gentilucci, Mark Giler and Ronald Jaicks onsite and Carl Bittenbender, Eric Compton and Maria Vershel on Zoom. The town Solicitor, Elio Battista and Bob Shields also joined via zoom.

The meeting centered on the Solicitor's comments to the light ordinance. Multiple suggestions to improve the ordinance were recommended. The major concern was having measurable and enforceable criteria for the small percentage of violations that might result in litigation. The ordinance will be updated to reflect the guidance.

PLANNING COMMISSION (Gallagher)

On September 14, 2026, the Commission met with Savannah Edwards of the Rossi Group to review the process for developing a new comprehensive plan. The Rossi Group also presented the data collected from the community through the survey, open houses, and other sources. The Rossi Group's slide presentation is available at https://southbethany.delaware.gov/files/2026/09/2026.09.14-PC-Meeting.pdf.

On October 19, 2026, the Commission met Anne Marie Townsend and Savanah Edwards of the Rossi Group to explore strategies and goals for developing the comprehensive plan. The Rossi Group presentation included, among other things, four plans from communities across the country for examples of potential formats, style, themes, strategies, and verbiage that could be incorporated into the South Bethany plan. The Rossi Group's slide presentation is available at https://southbethany.delaware.gov/files/2026/10/2026.10.19-PC-Meeting.pdf.

On November 19, 2026, the Rossi Group will host a virtual community meeting to present the results of the data collected from the community over the last several months.

In addition to Commission meetings as needed over the next several months to advance the planning process, on January 26, 2027, the Commission will meet with the Rossi Group

to review a rough draft of comprehensive plan and on February 23, 2027, for a final review of the draft plan to be recommended to Town Council.

RESILIENCY (Dondero)

The Committee met on October 21st when we welcomed our new members and reviewed our progress to date. The following week, the Committee joined the Council for a joint workshop to hear a presentation from the Verdantas team on their modeling of bulkhead elevations. The next meeting will be (tentatively) on November 18th.