

Resolution No. 34

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHMENT/PURPOSE OF THE PATHS 4 BETHLEHEM COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, a goal of the Town of Bethlehem Comprehensive Plan is to improve mobility – the ability of people, regardless of age and status, to engage in desired activities throughout the Town; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethlehem Comprehensive Plan recommends maintaining and enhancing bicycle and pedestrian connections within neighborhoods, and between neighborhoods and hamlet centers; and,

WHEREAS, the Bethlehem Town Board established a PaTHs 4 Bethlehem Committee (Pathways to Homes, Hamlets, and Healthy Hearts Committee) on February 11, 2009 to address bicycle and pedestrian mobility in the Town; and,

WHEREAS, the Bethlehem Complete Streets Resolution adopted August 12, 2009, recognizes bicyclists and pedestrians as equally important as motorists in the planning and design of all new street construction and street reconstruction undertaken by the Town; and,

WHEREAS, the PaTHs 4 Bethlehem Committee (PaTHs Committee) recommended in its *Accomplishments, Recommendations, and Next Steps Memo* to the Town Board, dated August 16, 2010, said Committee to be established as a standing Committee by resolution and assign Committee member terms, and identify the Committee’s purpose; and,

WHEREAS, the PaTHs 4 Bethlehem Committee (PaTHs Committee) recommended in its *Accomplishments, Recommendations, and Next Steps Memo* to the Town Board, dated August 16, 2010, the establishment of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Program addressing the 3 E’s, Engineering, Education, and Enforcement for bicycle and pedestrian mobility; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board at its August 25, 2010 meeting directed the PaTHs Committee to draft a resolution establishing the Committee as a standing committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the PaTHs Committee is hereby established as a standing committee and its purpose is to provide advisory information to the Town Board with regards to development and implementation of a program addressing safe and efficient bicycle and pedestrian mobility in the Town including, but not limited to, Engineering, Education, and Enforcement; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any PaTHs Committee shall work towards completing tasks as assigned/directed by the Town Board; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any PaTHs Committee shall include eleven citizen (11) members that represent a cross-section of the community as appointed by the Town Board, which may include, but not limited to, representation from School Districts, bicycle community, pedestrian community, senior organizations, land conservancies, etc.: and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any PaTHs Committee have a defined term of service staggered in length among the various members. Initial terms of service shall consist of (2) two years for (6) members and (3) years for (5) members. Subsequent terms of service shall consist of (2) years; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event of a vacancy on any PaTHs Committee, the Town Board shall appoint a new member to fulfill the unexpired term; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor may appoint Town Staff to assist any PaTHs Committee and the following Town Departments may serve as technical resources: Department of Economic Development and Planning, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Police, and Highway, at the discretion of the Town Supervisor; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor may appoint a Committee member as Chairperson; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any PaTHs Committee may reach out to other organizations and stakeholders, including but not limited to NYSDOT, Albany County, and CDTC for professional expertise in bicycle and pedestrian mobility; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any PaTHs Committee shall meet once a month (as necessary); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any PaTHs Committee shall give public notice of its meetings; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any PaTHs Committee shall post a meeting summary of its meetings to the Town's website; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any PaTHs Committee, upon expiration of its existence or completion of its mission or part thereof, shall issue a written report to the Town Board of the activities it undertook; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any PaTHs Committee shall not have independent regulatory powers; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any PaTHs Committee shall work towards developing the Long Term Recommendations as outlined in its *Accomplishments, Recommendations, and Next Steps Memo* to the Town Board, dated August 16, 2010; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any PaTHs Committee shall maintain the Town of Bethlehem Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Network and review appropriate changes, as it deems necessary, on an annual basis; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Departments shall use the Town of Bethlehem Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Network when following the "*Evaluation Process for New Pathway Investment Procedures/Users Guide*", during development of bicycle and pedestrian grant applications, and addressing the Town's Complete Streets Resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Planning Board shall refer to the Town of Bethlehem Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Network as a planning tool to assist in determining the need for bicycle and pedestrian accommodations during its review of site plan and subdivision applications (and other applications), and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any PaTHs Committee shall maintain the “*Evaluation Process for New Pathway Investment Procedures/Users Guide*” and review appropriate changes, as it deems necessary, on an annual basis; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Departments shall use the “*Evaluation Process for New Pathway Investment Procedures/Users Guide*” during the development of bicycle and pedestrian grant applications, and when prioritizing pathway investment projects, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be provided to all members appointed to any PaTHs Committee.

On a motion by Councilman Kotary, seconded by Councilman Hennessey, and by a vote of 4 for, 0 against and 1 absent, this RESOLUTION was adopted on November 23, 2010.



Town Supervisor