



In Attendance

Committee Members: Kenneth Kovalchik, Henry Peyrebrune, Anne Benware, Ann Mullaly, Oliver Holmes, Jen Spore, Jill Adams and Paul Winkeller.

Police Department: Commander Adam Hornick

The following is a summary from our September 22, 2015 Committee meeting:

Police Department Bicycle and Pedestrian Updates

- Commander Adam Hornick provided traffic safety updates.
- The Bethlehem PD has developed a traffic board, where complaints received are categorized and prioritized. This allows the PD to allocate resources based on current issue areas.
- The Town's IT Department is providing monthly crash data to the PD, which is then mapped in Google Earth, and can be utilized for allocating resources based on issue areas throughout Town. The PD categorizes the contributing factors for each crash.
- The Governors Traffic Safety Council Grant Program is a resource the PD could utilize for funding for increased bicycle/pedestrian enforcement/education.

Project Updates

- Route 144 Repaving Update – Ken K. updated the Committee on the “In Lane” signage as part of the NYSDOT repaving project. In Spring 2015 the Town had discussions with NYSDOT regarding including installing “In Lane” signs as part of the repaving project. It was the understanding of the Town that NYSDOT would include the signage as part of the project. In August 2015 the Town became aware that NYSDOT made a determination that signage would not be installed as part of the project. The reasoning provided by NYSDOT is that: (1) they did not want to install signs only on certain roads, they wanted to take a more comprehensive, countywide, approach and (2) NYSDOT did not find there were enough accidents on Route 144 to warrant the need for signs.
- Please Look Out For Us Sign Update – Ken K. updated Committee members that the first order of 100 signs have almost all been distributed. An additional 100 signs were order, with larger font and a brighter yellow background. To date, 20 of the new signs were provided to the Town Parks Dept. for distribution and another 15 to 20 have been distributed. The Committee suggested having signs available for distribution for the October 7th Walk to School Day event.
- Outreach to School Principals – Ken K. updated the Committee that the questionnaire, with questions the Committee had formulated was sent to the following school Principals; Slingerlands, Eagle, Glenmont, Hamagrael, Elsmere and Middle Schools. To date only the Elsmere Elementary School Principal had responded. Jen S and Ken K met with the Elsmere Principal in July. Jill A. and Maureen C. offered to reach out to the Principals at the Middle School and Hamagrael.
- Borthwick Avenue Project – Ken K. updated the Committee on work being completed as part of the Borthwick Avenue sewer project. There will be a full road improvement from Kenwood Avenue to Delaware Avenue, which will include resurfacing and new sidewalks, as part of the project. Additionally, as part of the Borthwick project the Town was able to amend the highway work permit with NYSDOT to add a new CDTA bus stop in front of the library. New ADA compliant landing pads

will be installed at each stop. As part of the project to install the landing pads the Town will replace the sidewalk on each side of Delaware Avenue, from the library to Roweland Avenue on the south side of Delaware and library to Borthwick on the north side of Delaware.

- CDTC Complete Streets Feasibility Project Update – Ken K. updated Committee members that Town staff met with CDTC to develop a scope of services for the project. Town staff will begin analyzing/compiling land use data within the study area.
- Delaware Avenue Enhancement Project – Ken K. updated the Committee that the Town Board had authorized funds for the project at their September 9th Board meeting. The consultant working on the project will begin surveying and design work, most likely to begin in October.
- Maple Avenue Sidewalk, Selkirk – Ken K. updated the Committee that a new sidewalk is being constructed along Maple Avenue in Selkirk, from John St. to Pausley Ct.

Walk To School Day - October 7, 2015

- The Committee discussed W2SD events that will be happening at Elsmere Elementary, Hamagrael and Slingerlands Elementary Schools.
- The Committee suggested it will be a good opportunity to distribute more of the Please Look Out For Us Signs.
- Ken K. updated the Committee that Albany County will be able to provide one, possible two vehicle message display boards. Locations of the boards will be in front of Town Hall and at the intersection of Kenwood/Elsmere.

Town Capital Plan

- Ken K. updated the Committee that the Town Board adopted the 5 year Capital Plan at their September 9th meeting. The Capital Plan includes designating \$30,000 annually for sidewalk maintenance/repairs/construction.

Farm Family Life Insurance Site Plan Amendment

- Ken K. updated the Committee that Farm Family Life Insurance Company had recently obtained Planning Board approval for parking lot improvements and increasing the number of parking spaces on their property located on Route 9W in Glenmont. As part of the approval, Farm Family agreed to enter into an agreement with the Town to convey property, at a future date, for sidewalk purposes along Route 9W. The conveyance will occur at the time when the Town decided to construct a sidewalk. Once the land is conveyed to the Town, the Town will then convey the property to NYSDOT and will become part of the Route 9W right-of-way.

Town of Bethlehem Bicycle Route

- Oliver H. updated the Committee on progress being made in developing maps for a Town bicycling routes. One of his student interns working on the project has taken input received from the Committee and mapped multiple routes, highlighting sites along each route. Mapping for each route still needs to be completed.

Other Business

- The Committee discussed the intersection of Elsmere Avenue @ Herber St and the issues students face trying to cross the street.
- The Committee discussed additional efforts that could be made for educational outreach and increased PD enforcement of vehicle and traffic laws related to bicyclists and pedestrians.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30PM.

Next Meeting October 27, 2015, at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall Room 101B.