



### In Attendance

Committee Members: Kenneth Kovalchik, Anne Benware, Jen Spore, Jill Adams and Paul Winkeller, Maureen Cunningham, Scott Lewendon.

Police Department: Commander Adam Hornick

Public: Travis Smigel

The following is a summary from our October 27, 2015 Committee meeting:

### **Traffic Safety Updates**

- Ken K. updated the Committee on two inquiries from residents concerning traffic related issues.
- A resident near the intersection of The Crossway and Dumbarton Drive contacted the Town expressing a concern over vehicles speeding in the neighborhood. Ken K. contacted the individual and suggested posting Please Look Out For Us signs as a first option to address the issue.
- A resident in the neighborhood of Arthur Terrace and Edgewood Drive contacted the Traffic Safety Division of the Police Department expressing a concern over vehicles speeding in the neighborhood and if the Town could install Children Playing signs. The PD forwarded the inquiry to Ken K., who contacted the individual and suggested installing the Please Look Out For Us signs as a first option to address the issue.
- Travis Smigel, member of the public, attended the Committee meeting. Mr. Smigel is a bicyclist who was hit by a car while riding on Route 144 (River Road), near Henry Hudson Park, earlier this summer. Mr. Smigel questioned Commander Hornick as to why the Police Department did not issue a ticket to the driver of the vehicle that hit him. Commander Hornick discussed the various NYS motor vehicle traffic laws related to bicyclists and the limitations for law enforcement due to how the traffic laws are written. The Police department did list the driver as “at fault” for hitting the bicyclist.

### **Project Updates**

- Outreach to School Principals – Jill A. provided an update that she had been in contact with the Middle School Principal regarding setting up a meeting to discuss bicycle and pedestrian related issues. A meeting may be set up sometime in Nov/Dec with the Principal.
- Please Look Out For Us Sign Update – Ken K. updated that Committee approximately 30 signs remain out of the second set of 100 signs that were ordered. Residents continue to contact the Town expressing an interest in obtaining signs.
- Borthwick Avenue Project – Ken K. updated the Committee on the status of the project, which is schedule to be completed around the middle of November. Additional funding, in the amount of \$37,350, was approved by the Town Board to replace the sidewalks on Delaware Avenue. The contractor for the Borthwick project will complete a portion of the work, along with staff from the Town Highway Department. CDTA is providing \$12,000 towards the installation of standing pads for the new bus stop in front of the library.
- Delaware Avenue Enhancement Project – Ken K. updated the Committee that survey work is ongoing and will be completed in the next few weeks. The project consultant will make a

presentation to the Delaware Avenue Improvement Group at their December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting at 4:00PM and Committee members were invited to attend.

- New Sidewalks – Adams St/Delmar Place – Ken k. updated the Committee that the Highway Department had installed new sidewalk along portions of Adams Street and Delmar Place. These sections of sidewalk has been assessed a score of “2” on the recent sidewalk assessment. The Town Highway Superintendent also stated residents in the neighborhood complained about the poor condition of the sidewalks.

#### **Walk To School Day Update**

- Committee members updated the group on participation rates of individual elementary schools, which were as follows: Hamagrael 175 to 200 students; Elsmere approximately 150 students; and Slingerlands approximately 200 students.

#### **2015 Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Work Plan**

- The Committee reviewed the 2015 Work Plan to assess which tasks have been worked on, were ongoing or still needed to be addressed.
- ADA Transition Plan – Ongoing/Ken K.
- Complete Streets Toolbox - Scott L.
- Safe Routes to School – Ongoing/Jill A., Jen S., Paul W., Maureen C.
- Town Board – Committee would like to make presentation to Town Board early 2016. Henry P./Oliver H.
- NYSDOT – Ongoing/Anne B. and Ken K.
- Town Highway Superintendent – Ongoing/Ken K., Henry P., Oliver H.
- Priority Network/Bicycle Treatments – Ongoing (Bike Route Mapping)/Oliver H.
- Education – Ongoing
- Enforcement – Ongoing/Paul W.
- Public Awareness – Ongoing
- Events Calendar – Need to work on
- Revise Town Ordinance for Bicycles – Committee would include as part of presentation to Town Board in 2016. Ken K.
- Town of Bethlehem Bicycle Master Plan – Ken K.

#### **Other Business**

- Maureen C. updated the Committee that the grant she submitted to the NYBC mini grant program had been awarded, in the amount of \$1,000. The funds will be used for bike racks at Hamagrael Elementary and reflective vests for students. The Committee agreed to provide a 15% match to the funds awarded (\$150).
- Maureen and Henry should coordinate regarding the matching funds.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:45PM.

**Next Meeting Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 6:30 pm in the **Town Hall Auditorium.****