



In Attendance

Committee Members: Kenneth Kovalchik, Henry Peyrebrune, Ann Mullaly, Scott Lewendon, Anne Benware, Fred Schrock, Laura DiBetta, Oliver Holmes.

Police Department – Sergeant Frank Muller, Det. Mike Whiteley

Bethlehem Central School District – 11 students attended as part of their Government Participation class, as follows: Yagmur Licek, Eliana Sanders, Tyler Hull, Shannon Russo, Brittany, Jegede, Steven Mendelson, Andrew Kessler, Matt Sweeney, Hasnain Kasar, Skylar Degonza and Elijah Pulver.

Public – Mark Wahl

The following is a summary from our March 28, 2017 Committee meeting:

Police Department Traffic Safety Updates – F. Muller

- 2016 personal injury crashes were down 8%.
- A car seat check will be held at Elm Avenue Town Park on May 4th from 3PM to 6PM.
- Police Department conducted their monthly seat belt compliance check, results showed 96% compliance.
- Police Department planning to start monthly cell phone compliance checks.
- Speed trailer is expected to be deployed sometime in April.
- The police department received complaints about how long it took to clear the sidewalks on Delmar Place/Fernbank Avenue.

Planning Department Traffic Safety Updates – K. Kovalchik

- The Town's Traffic Safety Committee, which consists of the Town Supervisor and representatives from the Highway Department, Police Department, DPW and Planning Department met to discuss new issues brought to the Town's attention by residents and discuss updates on previous issues.
- Since the rail trail has opened one of the problem intersections has been Adams Street and Hudson Street. The issue being the location of the stop sign and crosswalk to the rail trail. When cars stop at the stop sign the vehicle extends across the crosswalk for the rail trail.
- This issue was discussed at the Traffic Safety Committee meeting and a letter was sent to the County expressing interest in working cooperatively to address and resolve the issue.

Project Updates

Delaware Avenue Hamlet Streetscape Enhancement Project

- Ken K. informed the Committee that a contractor had been selected and the project is expected to begin construction late April to early May. Construction will continue through the Fall.
- A. Benware recommended another crosswalk analysis should be completed on Delaware Avenue prior to commencement of the streetscape enhancement project. The goal being to assess if cars yielding to pedestrians will increase once the crosswalk improvements are installed as part of the construction project.
- Previously in 1998 and 2008 a yield to pedestrian crosswalk analysis had been completed at the Post Office and Anne recommended to use this same location.

2017 Bethlehem Bike Expo

- Mike. W updated the Committee on planning for the event, which is planned for May 20th from 10AM to 1PM. The event would be held on the rail trail from Gardner Terrace to Booth Road.
- Mike stated to use the grassy area along the rail trail at the Adams Street/Hudson Avenue intersection as an option for an information tent, helmet check, bike check, trail surveys, etc.
- The Committee discussed options to have tents set up at various locations between Gardner Terrace and Booth Road.
- The Committee discussed if sills course elements should be at one location or at different locations along the trail.
- M. Wahl, a member of the public attending the meeting, stated he was a former Board member of the American Legion and would reach out to the Board to assess if we could use their parking lot adjacent to the trail as an event location.
- The Committee recommended reaching out to Albany County, considering they own/maintain the rail trail, to notify them of the Bike Expo event and if they would like to participate in the event.
- The Committee agreed to further discuss planning for the event at the April meeting.

Other Business

- Scott L. put together a DRAFT report for considerations for the development of the Slingerlands Trailhead. The Committee agreed to review the report and add as a discussion item on the April agenda. A copy of the report will be sent out with the meeting summary.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Next Meeting Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall Room 100B.