



In Attendance

Committee Members: Kenneth Kovalchik, Henry Peyrebrune, Ann Mullaly, Anne Benware, Oliver Holmes, Mark Wahl, Erin Savre, Steve LeBoyer, Kristen Ackerman.

Police Department – Commander Adam Hornick

Bethlehem Central School District – 1 student attended for her Government Participation Class

The following is a summary from our April 25, 2017 Committee meeting:

Introductions

- New Committee members Mark Wahl and Erin Svare introduced themselves to the Committee.

Police Department Traffic Safety Updates – A. Hornick

- Adam informed the Committee of a fatal head on collision that occurred earlier that day on River Road in South Bethlehem. A passenger vehicle collided head-on with a tractor trailer, due to the passenger vehicle crossing the double yellow line.
- May 4th is Car Seat Check at Elm Avenue Park from 2PM to 5PM.
- May 22 - June 4 is the “Click it or Ticket” campaign
- April 29th – Prescription Drug Destruction Day
- Adam updated the Committee about the detours that will be in place during the Delaware Avenue Streetscape project construction.
- Speed radar trailers have been deployed.

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.
- Ken K. informed the Committee the Town and County were in discussions to address the crosswalk location issue at the intersection of Adams Street and Hudson Avenue. **UPDATE.** Since our April meeting the Town and County have met to discuss the intersection. The Town and County will work together to realign the rail trail where it crosses Adams Street and move the crosswalk closer to Hudson Avenue. One issue that came up was relate to the existing pole guy wire at the intersection. The guy wire restricts where the trail can be realigned and crosswalk can be located. The goal is to make the improvements prior to the Bike Expo event.

Project Updates

Delaware Avenue Hamlet Streetscape Enhancement Project

- Ken K. informed the Committee that staging for the construction project would begin in late May, with construction to commence the first week of June.
- Information on the project can be found on the following link:
<http://www.townofbethlehem.org/803/Planning-and-Design>
- Ken K. discussed the detours that will be implemented during the project. Information on the detours can be found on the following link: <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/806/Detour-Routes-and-Maps>

Delaware Avenue Complete Streets Feasibility Study

- Ken K. and Anne B. updated the Committee that the Technical Advisory Committee has met to discuss the results of the 1st public meeting held for the study and discuss traffic modeling that had been completed by the consultant assessing various road diet models.
- Steve L. stated a vehicle traffic pattern that should be address are vehicles traveling north on Elsmere Ave that turn right on Delaware Ave and then making the immediate left to Herrick Ave and Elsmere Elementary School. Vehicles making the left to Herrick have to immediately merge left and then slow down, or stop to make the left turn to Herrick, which creates conflicts with vehicles traveling east through the Delaware/Elsmere intersection. Anne B. stated the Technical Advisory Committee will look into the issue.
- Ken K. stated the next meeting would be with the Study Advisory Committee, which consists of the Delaware Avenue Improvement Group.
- Ken K. stated a second public meeting would be held in September, with the goal of completing the study by Fall 2017.

TAP/CMAQ Grant Applications

- Ken K. informed the Committee the Town had been notified by NYSDOT that 2 of the 3 grant applications the Town submitted had been awarded.
- The projects awarded are for the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of NYS Route 9W/Feura Bush Road/Glenmont Road, and sidewalk connections fro

2017 Bethlehem Bike Expo

- The Committee discussed logistics for the event.
- M. Wahl indicated we have approval to use a portion of the American Legion west parking lot area.
- A. Hornick confirmed the police department will have information booths set up at the intersection of Adams Street and Hudson Avenue. There will be uniformed officers and police vehicle stationed here as well. Two bicycle patrol officers will be riding the trail during the event.
- Steve L. stated Saville Road Bike Shop will conduct ABC check/Helmet check at the American Legion parking lot.
- Steiners Bike Shop and/or Mad Dog Bike Shop will conduct ABC check at the Adams Street and Hudson Avenue location.
- Ken K. inquired which Committee members would be able to volunteer for the Bike Expo event.
- Committee members will be stationed at the following locations:
 - 1) American Legion, ABC Bike Check/Helmet check – Steve L.; information booth – Ken K.
 - 2) Station 1, Start/Stop, American Legion Parking Lot – Laura D.
 - 3) Station 2 Trail Etiquette, near Booth Road entrance – MHLC Trail Ambassadors/Albany County
 - 4) Station 3, Traffic Signs, placed alongside trail near Delaware Ave bridge – Police Dept.??
 - 5) Station 4, scanning, rear parking lot of Stewarts or adjacent to Veterans Memorial Park – Fred S. **(need another volunteer here)**
 - 6) Adams St – ABC Bike Check (Steiners/Mad Dog); Mike W - Police Dept. information booth
 - 7) Station 5 Demon Driveway, Adams Street – Anne B. **(need another volunteer here)**
 - 8) Station 6 Hazard Recognition, between Adams St and Gardner Terrace – Ann M. and Erin S.
 - 9) Station 7 See and Be Seen, Gardner Terrace – Scott L.

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. Scott was unable to attend the April meeting and the Committee agreed to postpone the discussion until the May meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall Room 101A.