



**Town of Bethlehem
Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee**

SUMMARY

May 23, 2023

6:30 PM

Zoom/in person

ACTION ITEMS

- For June meeting committee will be reviewing priority sidewalk list for 2024–Skip and Nate discussed sharing current list prior to meeting. Then it will be on the agenda for June.
- Talked about incorporating younger (high school students) residents in safe streets video/audio campaign.
- Skip seeking volunteers for pedestrian count near roundabout Glenmont. Recommended looking at time when Church is out.
- Jennifer will connect Nate with residents for Fisher Blvd.
- Committee Members encouraged to attend June 15th meeting for Delaware Ave Complete Streets Project. The meeting is at Elsmere Elementary 6:30 PM
- May 31st Town Hall -first meeting for zoning update (mostly look at buildings) – discussion on affordable housing, wetlands, solar, walkability.

Committee Attendance: Oliver Holmes, Jennifer Livingston, Erin Rightmyer, Nicole Cheplowitz, Dee Fisher-Golden, Steve Redler, Elizabeth Vásquez, Lynelle Bosworth
Town Representatives: Nate Owens, Senior Planner

- **Public Comment** - No public Comment
- **Minutes** - April 2023 Minutes approved
- **Department Updates**
- Police Department – No update
- Town Safety Committee – Public comment was received about the Bridge repair (New Scotland/Cherry Ave) traffic closure pedestrian issues/traffic issues. Nate shared with the Traffic Pedestrian Management Committee. Nate will share with Committee as well.
- Highway Department – Nate Updated. Marc had no updates. Waiting to hear from DOT. Submitted Delaware Ave.
- Planning Department – No discussion on items other than sidewalks.

- Erin said she spoke with Elsmere PTA –PTA wants to make a statement for the upcoming complete street. Nate said, data collection is happening now to determine pedestrian count for a midblock crossing single that drivers would stop for pedestrians.
 - Discussed Delaware Ave Project and the intersection issues at the Stewarts. Making ADA compliant on the corner across from Valero will take a long time to get comments after engineer will mean that the project would not get completed this year. There is also an issue with an alternative pedestrian path being needed to comply with DOT. The proposal would be to install new sidewalk on Delaware (Valero side). Then when that is complete use that as the alternative pedestrian pathway while the Library sidewalk is completed. The new target for Delaware Ave is Adams to Roweland and threw Town Hall and end at Maple and Bennett on the south side. Ultimately sidewalk will be on both sides.
 - Feura Bush Road: Concrete bids are in and being reviewed. That will determine final costs.
 - Fieldstone Drive connection: Planning Board discussed making a connection and the impact on the wetland. The Planning Board decided to connect Fieldstone to Elm Ave. There was also discussions about contributing to sidewalk due to pedestrian traffic to the park.
 - Questioned whether we are changing development guidelines that include builders creating pedestrian pathways.
 - Need to review list of priority sidewalks again to evaluate against current proposals and approvals.
 - Blessing Road Meeting: Went well. Still concern from residents on road about the amount of land required for the multi path idea at public meeting. There was some reservation. There was questions about easement and it looked like support from residents.
 - Dee worked on Sidewalk Webpage. Nate sent ideas/comments collected so far.
- **Subcommittee Updates**
 - Sidewalk Maintenance - Already covered
 - Public Safety Campaign- Skip provided an update on the campaign. Video and audio is being developed. If you see the campaign on social media share.
 - Speed Humps – Nate sent Speed Humps webpage content to Jennifer. Jennifer will review before next meeting.
 - **Committee support needed**
 - Fisher Blvd crosswalk pedestrian crossings count –Jennifer shared information with residents. Meeting is occurring for letter writing. Jennifer will connect resident with Nate.

- Glenmont roundabout pedestrian peak use times –Skip seeking volunteers for the count.
- Walk and Roll Fest –No discussion.

- **Items for 2023 agenda**
 - Sidewalks Comprehensive Plan – Want to discuss the priorities with the map at the next meeting.
 - Priority Network mapping – No discussion

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