

Town Manager's Monthly Report for June 2021



TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE ... all meetings are virtual unless otherwise indicated.

- Attended Ad-Hoc Commercial District Planning meeting on June 1, 2021.
- Attended DFIT Finance Committee Meeting on June 2, 2021.
- Attended the monthly ACT meeting on June 3, 2021.
- Attended DFIT Stewardship Meeting on June 9, 2021.
- Attended Infrastructure Committee Meeting on June 9, 2021
- Attended ARPA informational meeting on June 10, 2021.
- Attended Northeast Regional ICMA Conference Call on June 16, 2021.
- Attended Tornado Awareness Training on June 22 and 23, 2021.
- Attended Board of Elections and Special Town Council meetings on June 23, 2021.
- Attended Hurricane Awareness Training on June 24, 2021.
- Attended Town Council meeting on June 25, 2021.
- Attended Budget Meeting on June 29, 2021.
- Attended State Treasurers training on Project Gray Fox on June 29, 2021.
- Met with the 2021 Lifeguards on July 1, 2021.

Sidewalks

- Representative Gray was able to include \$250,000 in the State's FY 2020 bond bill for Coastal Highway Sidewalks – June 2019
- Fall 2019, We have received approval from the State to begin work.
- We were pleased to learn the Fenwick Island sidewalks are part of the Proposed FY21 to FY 26 DelDOT Capital Transportation Program. The sidewalk project was ranked 13 out of 116 projects. We attended the public hearing in Georgetown to encourage the project be moved up. Planning and Engineering are scheduled to start in July 2023, right-of-way work will begin in July of 2025 with construction beginning most likely in July 2026.
- We are seeking proposals for engineering work on a five- block sidewalk project scheduled to begin in Fall of 2020.
- Met on October 8, 2019, to discuss Kercher proposal.
- Met on November 20, 2019, to discuss Century Engineering proposal.
- We are recommending the Century Engineering proposal be accepted.
- Kick off meeting was held on January 28, 2020.
- CTF funding approved, and equipment ordered.
- Initial Plans were presented in May 2020.
- Fenwick Island Sidewalks are still in the DelDOT Capital Transportation Program; however, they have been moved to FY 2026 and are ranked 26th.

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- We are working with Century Engineering to pursue a TAP grant.
- Along with Committee Chair Carmean, Council member Weistling and Sonia Marichic-Goudy of Century Engineering (virtually) met on July 21, 2020, with Senator Hocker and Representative Gray to discuss support for the sidewalk project.
- Discussion meetings were held with all but one affected property owner the week of August 24, 2020. A letter discussing the impact of the sidewalk to the property was sent to the one property owner who declined to meet.
- Follow-up letters were sent to the property owners in August 2020. Two responded with concerns regarding liability during construction. Those concerns were addressed. The Town requires any contractor working for the Town to provide proof of liability and workers compensation insurance.
- Staff will be working on requesting letters of support from the property owners by the end of September.
- Staff drafted letters of support and Century Engineering is reviewing them.
- In October 2020, staff mailed letters requesting support for our sidewalk project to the ten property owners involved. We also sent a follow-up letter at the end of October. We have received one objection and two letters of support as of October 30, 2020.
- Ten properties are affected by the sidewalk project. In November 2020, we received five letters of support (4 from affected property owners and one from the head of the Business Development Committee). Two letters were received that did not support the project. Three properties did not respond. One property verbally told us they had no issues with the project.
- We met with Century engineering to determine next steps for this project. As of November 13, 2020, we are currently waiting to meet with DelDOT.
- Received an update from Century Engineering on December 15, 2020, regarding their meeting with DelDOT.
- We are pursuing a meeting with our Legislators, DelDOT and Century Engineering on proceeding with the sidewalk project. We believe we could move a portion of DelDOT's capital plans for sidewalks along Route 1 up by few years.
- Met with Century Engineering, Senator Hocker's office, Representative Gray and DelDOT officials on January 22, 2021, to discuss a path forward.

Dredging

- We are currently working on an MOU with Freeman Companies and exploring Engineering firms.
- We are currently seeking proposals from two engineering firms.
- Met with members of the Dredging Committee to interview two engineering firms regarding the dredging project on July 1 and July 3.
- Anchor QEA of Lewes, DE was selected for the engineering work on the dredging project.
- We are working with Anchor QEA to set up a site visit.