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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 12, 2:00 p.m.

Town Hall

MINUTES

Call to Order and Flag Salute

1. Approval of Minutes from the February 6, 2024 meeting

The minutes for the February 6, 2024 meeting were approved as submitted on a Natalie Magdeburger/Ed Bishop motion. Motion carried.

2. Rt. 1 Safety

- a. Sidewalks

Ed Bishop shared that surveyors from Century have been in town. Pat Schuchman spoke with them while they were in town. The surveyors will submit their findings to DeIDOT in June. The design work will begin after that and should take between 12-18 months. Ed asked if the design work will include them speaking with business owners.

Natalie noted that the crosswalk at Lewes Street will be dealt with in conjunction with the sidewalk project.

- b. Medians

Larry Trout is the lead engineer on the project. Ed Bishop and Natalie Magdeburger will be meeting with him on Thursday to talk about the plans for the medians. Ed would like to see if we can get them to agree to maintain the medians. Low maintenance is key. They plan to speak with him about options to control run-off, like Biochar or a similar product. Pat Schuchman noted that one concern to consider with mulch in the median is if a cigarette butt was flicked out of a window and set the mulch on fire.

- c. Crosswalks

Ed Bishop noted that he, Mayor Magdeburger, and town staff met with DeIDOT earlier this week to discuss the crosswalk issue at Rt. 1 and Bayard St. We shared with them our concerns relative to the safety of the crosswalk located at that intersection. Natalie will prepare a letter outlining our concerns and share documentation with them supporting our concerns. We will also include a list of

additional traffic signs that we need along Rt. 1. DeIDOT asked us to consider other options rather than a traffic light at that location. Pat Schuchman noted that this issue has been a concern and a topic of conversation for two years. The no U-turn sign was DeIDOT's first attempt at trying to find a solution for the problem.

d. Traffic calming measures

Ed Bishop noted that the speed trailer was just delivered yesterday. It will be deployed in the near future. Natalie indicated that she would like to see some traffic-related messages on our sign. She expressed her thanks and appreciation for all that Chief Morrissey has implemented and done since he began in September. She noted the \$140k in grants that he has been able to obtain to assist with traffic calming measures and other important initiatives that the town has been working on for a long time.

e. Signage

Nothing further to report.

3. Local Street Signage

Nothing has been finalized on this project yet.

4. Old Business

None.

5. New Business

None.

6. Public Participation

None

7. Next Meeting

April 9, 2 p.m.

8. Adjourn

On a Natalie Magdeburger/Sharon Harris motion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.