



The Town of Fenwick Island

800 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, DE 19944-4409

302-539-3011 ~ 302-539-1305 fax

www.fenwickisland.delaware.gov

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 9, 2:00 p.m.

Town Hall

MINUTES

Members Present: Ed Bishop, Sharon Harris, Tim Leahy, Natalie Magdeburger

Other Participants: Madeleine Overturf

Staff: Lori Dabbondanza

Call to Order and Flag Salute

1. Approval of Minutes from the March 12, 2024 meeting
The minutes for the March 12, 2024 meeting were approved as submitted on a Natalie Magdeburger/Sharon Harris motion. Motion carried.
2. Rt. 1 Safety
 - a. Sidewalks
Ed Bishop shared that the design project is in full swing, and Century's surveyors have been on site getting the topographic survey that is needed to start the design plans. Century is finishing up their study now. The timeline for the project is for a first submission in June and in design for 12-18 months. Funding is now available, so it will be moving forward. Lori will keep in touch with Century and DeIDOT for updates and report back to the committee.
 - b. Medians
Ed Bishop indicated that the median project will begin soon. Natalie asked if we should hire Flagger Force for safety. Ed recommended we ask the police to assist and block off the lane next to where the work is being performed. The committee discussed the types of plants and trees that will be planted. Ed noted that he will follow up with Chief Morrissey to get his input on using police for safety measures.
 - c. Crosswalks
Natalie Magdeburger noted that we recently met with DeIDOT regarding the crosswalk at Rt. 1 and Bayard St. to discuss options to lower the likeliness of a traffic/pedestrian incident. We specifically requested a traffic light to be put in at

that intersection. DeIDOT agreed to provide the engineering for the project if Fenwick agreed to fund the project. Natalie expressed to them that it is their road, and they should pay for the needed improvements. The issue is the sightlines are obstructed coming from the south-end of town and turning at Bayard. Natalie put them on official notice that they will be held responsible in the event of a tragedy. She is finalizing an official letter to them now and will cc: Senator Hocker and Rep. Gray. There was discussion regarding what the standard is for crosswalk locations. In town there are some crosswalks located on the northside of the street while others have the crosswalk on the southside of the street. We offered to partner with DeIDOT and look for grant money from our legislators to help pay for the solution to this dangerous problem.

Sharon Harris asked for an update on the crosswalk at Lewes Street. Natalie noted that the Lewes Street project will likely be done at the same time as the sidewalk project.

d. Traffic calming measures

Natalie shared that the speed trailer has been deployed and is currently situated at the north end of town. We will have a full complement of officers beginning on April 22. Chief Morrissey will be switching up officer availability during the peak season as well.

e. Signage

Natalie reported that the signage issue is not an easy one to remedy. Sign size is federally mandated, and our medians are not wide enough to accommodate the 36" x 36" sign.

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 Tim Leahy/Natalie Magdeburger motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.