



# The Town of Fenwick Island

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## **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE AUGUST 12, 2019 AT 2:30 PM**

### **MINUTES**

#### In Attendance

Vicki Carmean, Gardner Bunting, Julie Lee, Richard Mais, Bernie Merritt, Terry Tieman, Lauren Weaver, Bill Weistling, Colleen Wilson

#### Absent

Kimberly Flynn, Mary Ellen Langan

Vicki called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Julie, seconded by Richard, to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting.

Bill noted changes to page 2 of the Kercher Engineering discussion.

The motion to accept the revised minutes passed unanimously.

#### Discussion

Vicki commented that the \$250,000 received from the bond bill needs to be used in 2-3 years. The Town will be working through Kercher Engineering and hopes to have a project plan no later than November.

Vicki suggested that Senator Hocker and Representative Gray be added as Pedestrian Safety Committee members.

Additional money is needed to complete the project. Terry suggested additional funding could be obtained through the Community Transportation Fund as Representative Gray suggested, but a project cost estimate would be needed first. Bill added that Sussex County Councilman John Rieley could also be contacted. Vicki replied that he would be involved since part of the project is outside of Town limits.

Vicki commented that property owners should be contacted for phase 1 of the project. Terry suggested that the Town meet with property owners individually, then a public meeting can be held with every owner in attendance.

Vicki suggested that sidewalks could be installed butting up directly to the curb, but she has seen other sidewalks installed with a green space between the curb and sidewalk, which would require additional maintenance. Vicki prefers the green buffer space to be inserted between

the sidewalk and the parking lot. This would also provide an added safety area between pedestrians and activity in the parking lots. She recommended that Charter & Ordinance begin drafting any ordinances needed for the maintenance of the sidewalks. Codes from other towns might provide ideas on what is needed.

Richard commented that South Bethany and Bethany Beach are discussing having lights installed in the medians near crosswalks. Terry added that South Bethany recently installed signage at the crosswalks and Chief Boyden is also working on getting signs installed in Fenwick Island.

One public participant questioned the timing of the light at the intersection of Route 1 and 54, which is outside the Town's jurisdiction but still impacts pedestrian safety: this light directs pedestrians to cross at the same time cars are permitted to turn. Vicki promised to get information from Chief Boyden as soon as possible.

Roy Williams questioned the enforcement of a setback for sandwich boards and business flags, which are preventing drivers exiting a side street from seeing oncoming traffic on Route 1. Again, Vicki promised to obtain information from Chief Boyden as soon as possible.

#### Adjournment

A motion was made by Gardner, seconded by Richard, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:01 PM.