

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY  
TRAFFIC (AD HOC) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
January 18, 2017**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Committee Chair John Janowski called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT: John Janowski, Mike Trentadue (remote access), Dave Wilson, Mike Somers (DeIDOT Senior Transportation Planner), Chief Troy Crowson, Mayor Pat Voveris

Minutes from the December 14, 2016, Traffic Committee Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Status items included:

1. Mayor Voveris gave a status report on the draft **ordinance to restrict turning movements at Kent Avenue and Black Gum Drive** during the summer season. The first reading is scheduled for the February Council Meeting.
2. **3-way Stop Sign Controlled Intersection at Canal Drive/Tamarack Drive:** The stop bars are painted. This project is complete.
3. On January 10, 2017 Mayor Voveris, John Janowski, and Chief Crowson met with representatives from Middlesex Beach (who requested the meeting) and Bayside Tennis Club to discuss the findings of the **Pine Road Title Search**. A time line highlighting the history of Pine Road was prepared along with supporting documentation. The information included a 1959 deed to record Middlesex Beach, a 1983 deed vacating Pine Road, an emergency evacuation map circa 1985, a 1985 corrective deed to allow a water utility system, and a 2001 plot plan for Town Hall. All the documents show Pine Road as either a 30' or 50' ROW. Mr. Sella of Middlesex Beach presented two binders of documents that included history and legal information on Pine Road. He is willing to share that information. The meeting went well and it was emphasized that it would be in the best interest for all parties to know where the jurisdictional boundaries are located. We will wait to hear if the parties are willing to do a joint survey. Both Middlesex Beach and Bayside stated they would not be in favor of a new road on the previous alignment however may consider a pedestrian walkway. Mayor Voveris has contacted Sussex County's Mapping and Information Services Department asking them to update their tax parcel map showing the Pine Road vacation.
4. An **Inventory of all Traffic Control Devices** (stop signs, regulatory and warning signs etc.) has been prepared for the Study Area streets. This information is on an Excel spreadsheet and complements the location map prepared earlier. The latter will be updated. The "No Outlet" sign at the intersection of Anchorage Road and Ocean Highway will be removed by DeIDOT and a new sign will be installed by South Bethany at the intersection of Anchorage and Peterson Drive.

The Committee continued to score the Alternatives Matrix which lists over a dozen alternative measures and projects designed to improve traffic and safety conditions in the study corridor. Four alternatives: realignment of the Canal/Tamarack Intersection, Expand hours for turning restriction at Kent/Black Gum, 15 MPH, and GPS were deemed either complete or no longer viable. The list now consists of approximately 8 alternatives some with additional scenarios. Most of the road alternatives were scored including two Gate Controlled measures; one at Black Gum/Kent Ave. and another mid-corridor (Russell/Town Road). A point was made regarding the high score given to the One-way pair (Cat Hill segment and Pine Road) and how that would impact Middlesex Beach traffic options if a mid-corridor gate control was implemented. Most of the remaining alternatives consist of walkways and pedestrian improvements. The Traffic Committee will continue to score the alternatives at their next meeting, scheduled for March 15, 2017, Town Hall 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The Committee has tried to keep DeIDOT's Planning Division informed of the study progress and still welcomes their participation and advice on walkways. The Committee continues to reach out to Sussex County Planning Department to promote a regional approach to traffic issues and participate in the update of their Comprehensive Plan.