

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY  
TRAFFIC (AD HOC) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
October 26, 2016**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT: Gil Geldon (remote access), John Janowski, Mike Trentadue, Carol Stevenson. Frank Weisgerber, Chief Troy Crowson, Mike Somers (DeIDOT Senior Transportation Planner)

The Traffic Committee met October 26, 2016.

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

Status reports included:

1. **3-way Stop Sign Controlled Intersection at Canal Drive/Tamarack Drive:** Mike Somers representing DeIDOT's Traffic Engineering Division reported that his section has reviewed their policy regarding 3-way stop sign controlled intersections within subdivisions and decided on a new policy where in certain cases DeIDOT will recommend this control measure. DeIDOT decided to recommend stop-sign-controlled intersections at 4 locations statewide all within subdivisions. Included in this recommendation is the intersection of Canal Dr./Tamarack Dr. Criteria for this pilot program includes data collection (accident, complaints, comments, any general information) for a year. South Bethany will collect the information. Following an evaluation, the project will be complete. Installing the signs and striping can begin immediately. The Traffic Committee voted unanimously to recommend to Council for their discussion and possible vote to install the 3-way stop sign at Canal Drive and Tamarack Drive (see attached justification statement). Mike Trentadue made a motion to recommend installation of a 3-way stop sign at the intersection of Canal and Tamarack per DeIDOT recommendations. Seconded by Carol Stevenson. Motion passed unanimously, The Traffic Committee will continue to monitor the intersection to determine if the east bound approach leg needs to be tightened.
2. No new status was reported on estimates for **ROW and Town boundary surveys**. The committee was reminded that few if any improvements can be completed if these surveys or some portion thereof are not done.
3. A **title search for Pine Road**, the recorded paper street adjacent to South Bethany, has been authorized.
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 by DeIDOT. It was noted that a "No Outlet" sign is posted as one enters Anchorage Drive from Ocean Highway and that it would be more accurate to relocate the sign to the NW corner of the intersection at Anchorage Dr./Peterson Dr.

The Committee continued to discuss the list of alternatives in order to have a better understanding of each. It was noted that street segments with 22' or less paved cartway are significantly constrained barely enough capacity for two-way vehicles and safe pedestrian use. It is possible that the most affected and constrained road segment is Canal Drive. The street network basically operates as two lanes from Kent Avenue to Russell Road. From there to Ocean Highway the street network is augmented by two parallel streets, Evergreen Road and Anchorage Drive, thus doubling the capacity.

One of the last phases of the proposed Assawoman Canal Trail is planned to connect to Black Gum Drive. It was noted that at least one record plan for Cat Hill does not show an easement connecting to the DNREC property. Sussex County parcel maps show a parcel between the recorded Cat Hill parcels and DNREC Canal property. Before additional segments are added to the Trail crossings **under** Route 26, Cedar Lane, and Kent Avenue must be in place.

Representatives from DeIDOT's Planning Division are invited to the November Meeting following a tour of the Study Area.

Mr. Janowski reported that he met with the Mayor to discuss the status of the Traffic Committee. Lately there has been concern regarding attendance and the lack of a quorum. Since it is recommended it is best to reduce the size of the committee and work with three voting members. Mr. Janowski said he had spoken to the committee members and that they agreed with the new configuration.

Public comment was heard.

Motion to adjourn was passed. The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2016, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Town Hall

## TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURE/PROJECT

**Name:** Intersection of Canal Dr./Tamarack Dr. 3-Way Stop Sign Control

**Date:** November 14, 2016

**Description:** Convert Intersection to a 3-Way All Stop Sign Controlled Intersection.

**Justification:** This intersection is located along the South Bethany Traffic Calming Study Corridor. It currently operates with one stop sign controlling the eastbound approach, Tamarack Drive. NB Canal Drive (minor approach) and SB Canal Drive are free flow. This measure will make all approaches stop. This represents one of four intersections all within subdivisions where DelDOT's Traffic Engineering Division has recommended 3-way stops. This improvement is part of a pilot program and will be evaluated and concluded one year after installation. **The improvement shown below does not include realigned bumpout nor proposed curb, only stop signs and appropriately located painted stop bars.**

This intersection currently has no provision for pedestrian and bicycle safety. This project will improve safety and help mitigate the impact of traffic volume much of it generated by regional growth.

**Cost:** Approximately ?

