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| Agenda with Notes: Town of Lewisboro Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee**Wednesday, December 5, 2023****7:30 pm****Virtual**Join Zoom Meeting<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85123661019?pwd=V1prU0hIY1dWVTRCN3dLVndMWEx4UT09&from=addon>Meeting ID: 851 2366 1019Passcode: 763350 |
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| * Danielle Greenberg
 | * Tony Gonçalves
* Patrick Morris-Suzuki
* Doris Peter
 | * Christine Schopen
* Dan Welsh
* Guests (public): Barbara Mangione; Inesh; unidentified person “Pam’s iPad”
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| **Topic** | **Objectives** | **Materials** | **Discussant** |
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| Tracking Items (new) | * Greenway Trials for a Green Future; a bill introduced to fund bike trails.
	+ Action: Keep on agenda as an item to track; Danielle to find bill number
	+ Action: Write to State Assembly rep to support bill; combine perhaps with Somers and possibly Bedford (supervisor)
* Other funding sources?
	+ Grants management software possibility? Dan to ask Tony.
	+ Corporate funding?
		- Real estate mgt company?
	+ NYSEG?
	+ Art project? Art can also be used for traffic calming
	+ Direct fundraising (like the playground nonprofit; GBHO); could be a community-based nonprofit that supports multiple topics
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| Bond Ballot Measure(15 min) | * Discuss final vote
	+ “No” vote prevailed
	+ Discussed reasons: unclear to some voters what the money would be used for
* Discuss next steps
	+ Can we find out the breakdown by hamlet or by district?
	+ **You can have a specific tax for a district within the town (but you have to establish the district first).** Dan to talk to C.B. to see if it is realistic.
 | n/a | Doris/Dan |
| Prioritizing work for 2024 | * Discuss process we will use to prioritize work
* Candidate projects
	+ Long-term, slow burn
		- 121 Crosswalk
			* Dan will push that the basic engineering be done; Tony asked DOT about crosswalks

when they repave 35 but not well received.* + - * DOT will let it happen but TOL has to fund it (cross walks; some pavement, etc).
		- Train Trestle project (aka the start of the “East County Trailway”)
			* Discussed in the context of the “Green Future” funding bill.
			* Does it make sense to try to get the $60k for the engineering study? Dan to ask Tony.
			* Does it make sense to work with GBHO to raise funds? Should we meet with GBHO?
		- Goldens Bridge area commercial improvements
		- Vista: Advice from planners is to stick with the big vision and the long haul; the ask to the town **is for the town to take over a portion of the road.** Cost/Benefit analysis: to assess the economic benefit of the investment (e.g. home values, health benefits, etc)
			* Road details: not paved since 2011
			* Dan: funding for road paving is flat.
			* School taxes dominate the proportion of overall taxes; town may be concerned
			* $280k per mile; stretch is 1.5 miles=~450k; plus shoulder is needed; maybe $600k for just paving/shoulder
			* Dan to bring up ad discussion item at upcoming Board meeting.
* Short-term, low-hanging fruit (from survey)
	+ Route 22 bike lane (event postponed)
	+ Signage
	+ Other small improvements (plant trimming etc)
	+ Bike safety
		- Competition for Lewisboro branded reflective vests
		- Event: could engage the schools and staff to wear them
		- Tie in with where to hike in Lewisboro
	+ Bike/driver relationships
		- Biking in other countries; presentation at library?
	+ Speeding
		- Could use planters
		- Dan: we could present the different ways that are used to slow down traffic; could engage public and get the public to become activated
		- Painting the road to make it look more narrow
	+ “Bike suggestion” lane
	+ Safety of specific roads (e.g. Ridgefield)
		- Safety easement?
* Community engagement
* Tie in with comprehensive plan
* Discussed limitations of bike lanes on state roads
* Invite new Highway Superintendent to an upcoming meeting; in person meeting might be better. Maybe in Feb or March in person; separate meeting.
* Prioritized list:
	+ 1. Local events that we have control over (like Library event).
		- Focus on speeding
 |  | Committee Discussion |
| Public Comment(5 min) | The public may provide input at this time.Inesh: Walking and biking to school; close to MPES. Believe that there are children who could bike or walk to MPES. Could streets be closed off to allow children to bike/walk to school? MPES Wellness Committee would also support.Dan: could we do something as a pilot. Don’t have to wait for bike/walk to school day. Speeding on Elmwood Road is also a problem; police are there but would like something to slow down the cars. Many walkers and bikers; concerned for a future bad event. Also concerned about visibility.Separately, there is no access to IMES from IMES road. Should the town create a cut through to allow for access? Could be an easement.Bike rack: are there any at schools? Barbara: Cut throughs to IMES – does not recommend IMES road because it is winding, no shoulders, dangerous. Not sure you can close the road in the morning because of access to Todd Road/Lake Katonah. | n/a | Public |