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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 1019 Passcode: 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” |

| **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 |  |  |
| 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 |