

Borough of Hightstown
Complete Streets Committee

8/23/2023 – Committee Meeting

6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Hightstown Library:

CALL TO ORDER

STATEMENT: Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was provided to the *Trenton Times* and the *Windsor-Hights Herald* and is posted in the Borough Clerk's office.

- Roll Call

Member	Attended	Absent
Steve Misiura, Chair	X	
Henry Wang, Vice Chair	X	
Beverly Asselstine, Secretary, Planning Board representative	X	
Council Member Joe Cicalese	X	
Dave Zaiser, Environmental Commission representative	X	
Tim Troxler		X
Alex Costantino		X

- Approval of Agenda **Approved with one change**
- Approval of Minutes **Approved**

OLD BUSINESS

- Vision Zero **Next Mercer County Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force Meeting is in September, where we will receive an update on the DVRPC initiative funded with the \$1.4 million federal grant.**
- Master Plan Reexamination. **Bev reported on activities to date, including community input at two Fun Fridays, ongoing discussions with Hightstown boards and committees, gathering demographics and health data from the Census Bureau and Mercer County, and crash data from NJ DOT's Safety Voyager database.**

NEW BUSINESS

- Grant Opportunities
 - Safe Routes to School **Grant information sent to Joe and Bev by Matt Zochowski in the Mercer County Planning Department. During this cycle the grant has been expanded to include High Schools, as well as elementary and middle schools. Joe discussed with Council and**

reported that Council and Borough staff continue to be concerned about administrative support for grants.

- NJ Economic Development Authority Asset Activation Planning Grant Planning Board **Grant information sent to Joe and Bev by Matt Zochowski in the Mercer County Planning Department. This grant is for planning related to obsolete or unused municipal assets. The Committee discussed potential opportunities for the Public Works facility adjacent to Route 130 after the Borough Offices move into the new Borough Hall and Public Works is able to move back into the Bank Street building. The Committee recommended that Bev take this to the Planning Board for discussion in that venue.**
- Greater Mercer TMA Demonstration Project **An opportunity for a demonstration project in Hightstown was sent to Bev. GMTMA is applying for a Travel Options Program grant from DVRPC and they are looking for demonstration projects to include in their application. The Committee discussed structuring a potential project around bus service under the Workforce Access category that might include analysis and identification of transit needs, identifying appropriate bus stop locations within Hightstown, potential shuttle services to Princeton Junction Train Station, the Dayton Park & Ride and employment centers in nearby communities. The rationale is the high number of people in Hightstown who do not have cars (identified in the Mobility Plan), the significant decline in bus service since the pandemic (no Coach USA service to NYC anymore) and a general lack of public transportation in this part of Mercer County.**
- **Bridge Committee discussion - Bev reported that she was contacted by a representative of the Ward Street Bridge Advisory Committee who wanted to share their recommendations for traffic calming. Since that Committee was disbanded, they wanted to make sure that their work effort would be carried forward by the Complete Streets Committee when it comes time to provide input into the bridge and Ward Street project. Bev will share the materials with the Committee.**

BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATE Joe provided a brief update on efforts in Rocky Brook to convert the old concession stand into a pavilion and the upcoming Porchfest.

PLANNING BOARD UPDATE No updates. August meeting cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

2023 Meeting Schedule:

			August 23, 2023
September 27, 2023	October 25, 2023	November 15, 2023	December 27, 2023