

Borough of Hightstown
Complete Streets Committee

05/22/2024 – Committee Meeting

Minutes

6:30 pm

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	
Alex Costantino		X

Guests: Meg Rosner and Scott Caster

- Approval of Agenda **Approved**
- Approval of Minutes, Dec 2023, March 2024, April 2024 **Dec and April Approved, Mar Approved with one minor change**

PUBLIC COMMENT Scott Caster spoke about a number of safety issues. He strongly supports the complete streets concept. He's concerned about the removal of sidewalks from the infrastructure project on Meadow, Clover and Orchard. These streets are playgrounds for young children and they are dangerous. There are issues in a number of places in the Borough with vegetation that blocks sight lines. There is a persistent problem at the second Clover and Meadow intersection with people rolling through the stop sign, including EWRSD buses. Approximately five years ago Hightstown Police had asked people to park on one side of the road only. That has not been codified and enforced. In addition there are very dark patches, including a section between Orchard and Clover with no street light. Notice has been given to residents that the construction will start in the very near future. Finally, he mentioned that several years ago Council had agreed that no future street work would take place without adding sidewalks where there were none.

The Committee discussed and determined to follow-up on three issues:

- **Code enforcement should be asked to ensure they are addressing vegetation blocking sight lines at intersections throughout the Borough.**
- **The Committee will obtain the drawings for the work on Meadow, Clover and Orchard to ensure the signage, pavement markings and lane designs adhere to standards in the Borough Master Plan / Mobility Plan.**
- **The Committee will communicate to appropriate staff and professionals a reminder that we are an advisory committee charged with providing complete streets-focused input on infrastructure projects, so it is important that we be included in communications related to these projects as proposals, designs and changes take place.**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Vision Zero Bev provided an update on the Mercer County Vision Zero Action Plan Steering Committee kick-off meeting. She reviewed the attached presentation used by the project leaders, Matt Lawson, Assistant Planning Director, Mercer County Planning Department, Cheryl Kastrenakes, Executive Director, Greater Mercer TMA and Chis Townley, AICP, Transportation Planning Specialist, Greater Mercer TMA. The project goals and objectives, process and the roles / responsibilities for the Steering Committee are covered in the presentation. The project is part of the Regional Vision Zero Action Plan Project being led by DVRPC, using funding from the Safe Streets 4 All grant program. The work output will be an action plan that meets Federal requirements for future funding, including a regional high injury network to focus improvements, key priority projects built from local plans, a set of proven safety measures that should be incorporated throughout the county and resources for analysis and community education to be developed by Greater Mercer TMA for all municipalities in the county. Vision Zero is based on a comprehensive “safe systems” approach, which is rapidly becoming a world-wide standard for policy-makers and is a step beyond a Complete Streets approach. It has been successfully used in a number of European cities and in many locations in the United States, including in New Jersey. All municipalities in Mercer County are participating in this effort and it has strong support from the County leadership team.**

The Committee provided input on the next step for the Steering Committee, which is to provide our existing plans, studies and other documents to support the development of the County repository. The following were identified:

- **Hightstown Mobility Plan**
 - **Redevelopment Area Circulation Plan**
 - **Black and Rogers School Travel Plan (most recent submitted with last Safe Routes to School Grant Proposal)**
 - **Speed Studies: the 2021 study created by GMTMA and one created by Hightstown Police at about the same time**
 - **Hightstown Complete Streets Resolution**
 - **Bicycle/Downtown Sidewalk Ordinance**
 - **PRC Traffic Study for the Redevelopment Area intersections**
- **Master Plan Reexamination. No update**

NEW BUSINESS **No new business.**

BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATE **No update**

PLANNING BOARD UPDATE **No update**

ADJOURNMENT

2024 Meeting Schedule:

May 22, 2024	June 26, 2024	July 24, 2024	August 28, 2024
September 25, 2024	October 23, 2024	November 20, 2024	December 18, 2023