

Walk Friendly Newtown Meeting

May 19, 2025

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Newtown Borough Hall/Zoom

Agenda

Attendees: Don, Laura, Christina, Sam, Ali, Scott, Courtney, Judith, Jean (via Zoom)

1. Opening
2. Updates
 - Frost Lane Sidewalk - project continues to move toward start of construction this summer
 - Frost Lane/Edgeboro Pedestrian Bridge – easement agreements in place and engineering firm selected
 - Enforcement - 261 citations Jan-April 2025, which is substantially more than during the same period last year; Borough PD is open to receiving WFN ideas for both active and passive enforcement. (ACTIONS: 1) WFN members to send ideas for additional active and passive enforcement activities to Laura by May 30; 2) Please thank our PD officers!)
3. Upcoming/New Activities
 - Existing Infrastructure (Sign Visibility, Sidewalk Obstructions, Crosswalk Repair and Painting) – all Borough section ‘owners’ will remain the same with the exception of Section 2, where Laura will replace Gregg (see attached Section Map) (ACTIONS: 1) Don will send section owners the forms required to identify and describe issues regarding sign visibility, sidewalk obstructions and crosswalk repair/repainting; 2) Section owners will walk their sections, note any issues on the forms, and return them to Don by May 30; 3) Don will compile information into composite forms and submit them to Gina and Craig (Borough Manager) in advance of June 4 Borough Council Working Session.)
 - New Projects (North State St./Edgeboro Sidewalk) - grant application would benefit from support from Rep. Warren and Sen. Santarsiero. (ACTIONS: 1) Don to request details on grant application from Borough Manager and provide to Patrick Molloy in Rep. Warren’s office; 2) Means of securing support from Sen. Santarsiero to be further discussed.

- Future Project Priorities (State St. Corridor) – improved sidewalks and lighting remain critical needs; development at 110 N. State will address poor sidewalks and lighting between Newtown Theatre and businesses/restaurants to the south; question as to whether Newtown Artesian/PECO infrastructure work on Centre and South State St. might include sidewalk improvements along S. State. (ACTION: 1) Don to ask this question of relevant Borough officials.)
 - Nonprofit Status (501c3 process) -paperwork to be completed by 5/30 (Scott/Courtney) and then filed (ACTIONS: 1) Complete and file paperwork; 2) Share bylaws with WFN members.)
4. 2025 Budget Implementation and 2026 Planning
- Slow Down For Newtown signs – ACTION: WFN members to email Don requesting signs and stakes for placement (Scott has requested 3 and Laura requested 1 more.) Penn St. is a particular area of focus.
 - Slow Your Roll car magnets – widely distributed at Arbor Day activities; original inventory of 300 magnets is now exhausted. (ACTION: Tim/Christina to make recommendation as to whether we order more Slow Your Roll magnets and/or move to an alternative program (Pace Car?))
 - Team to begin 2026 Budget planning during July meeting
5. Communication (15 mins)
- Arbor day – went well
 - Committee Website updated – now talks about our purpose, when we meet, minutes, created gmail account to receive emails with ideas and feedback from residents. (ACTION: Add this email address to all future communications.)
 - Newtown Theater – willing to include a WFN slide in their pre-event slide show. (ACTION: Don to connect Tim and Christina with Andy Smith to advance this work.)

The next Walk Friendly Newtown meeting will be held on July 28 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm (Borough Hall and via Zoom).