

Walk Friendly Newtown Meeting

March 24, 2025

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Newtown Borough Hall/Zoom

Minutes

Attendees: Don, Courtney, Gina, Judy, Jean, Scott, Ali, Christina, Tim (Zoom)

1. Opening/Introduction of New Members
2. Updates
 - Speed Boards - Boards 1-4 (E. Washington, S. State, E. Penn and Edgeboro Rd.) are installed; board #5 (N. Lincoln) will be installed week of 3/24; a request was made to consider an additional board on S. Lincoln.
 - Frost Lane Sidewalk - 2 homeowners need to agree to small easement before project can proceed
 - Frost Lane/Edgeboro Pedestrian Bridge - Borough and Township approved moving forward with next steps
3. Upcoming/New Activities
 - Enforcement
 1. Meeting with Chief Sabath and Mayor Burke scheduled for April 4.
 2. Aggressive driving campaign #1 began 3/17.
 - Existing Infrastructure
 1. Sentinels – 14 sentinels (3 new) will be placed shortly; committee members to provide thoughts on locations for 3 new sentinels.
 2. Sign visibility and sidewalk obstructions - Committee to discuss an action plan to identify areas for shrubbery to be trimmed and address sidewalk obstructions at our next meeting.
 3. Sidewalk repair – highlighted as a critical need; suggestion made to have a 2-3 year public/private sidewalk improvement project beginning in 2026; encourage residents to undertake repairs wherever possible in 2025; to be discussed further at next meeting
 4. Improved lighting - Judy, Don, Courtney and Gina to meet and discuss

- New Projects
 1. N. State Curve/Edgeboro Rd. - grant application submitted; expect decision in the fall
 - Future Project Priorities
 1. Steepleview and State Street Corridor – Courtney to discuss with one or more of the new development consortium members
 2. Safe Route to School - Committee members to submit thoughts to Don regarding improving pedestrian safety for those walking to Goodnoe Elementary from areas south of Washington St.
 - Nonprofit Status (501c3 process) - Scott and Courtney to work on this and share an update with the group. (Need to determine whether this potentially conflicts with idea of WFN becoming a standing committee.)
4. 2025 Budget Implementation
- Slow Down For Newtown signs - move forward with an order for 25 signs + stakes
 - Slow Your Roll car magnets - move forward with an order for another 50 magnets
5. Communication
- Pedestrian Safety Article - draft sent to Judy; it will go in the next e-newsletter and print version in mid-May; also edited for use in social media; request made of Borough Police to include it in their social media.
 - Newtown Experience – initial discussion held; explore posting pedestrian safety article and posting WFN events on their calendar; will look for more ways for the 2 groups to work together, including joint table at Borough events and sharing agendas/minutes or maybe having a liaison
 - WFN to generate more community support for Borough Police pedestrian safety efforts.
 - Explore having WFN social media page(s)
6. WFN as a Standing Committee
- Objective is to have WFN provide more direct, formal input into Borough new development and building renovation approval processes; Courtney, Gina and Don to discuss
7. Other Items/Next Steps