

The Town of Chevy Chase Public Services Committee  
Meeting Minutes, March 24, 2021

Attendees: Cecily Baskir  
Rich Brancato  
Beth Barnett  
Michael Coplan  
Kenneth Rubin  
Chris Wright  
Abby Marshall

The meeting began at approximately 7:00 pm via zoom. No residents gave comments. The minutes of February 24, 2021 were approved.

Mayor Baskir, joined by Beth Barnett, updated the Committee on the latest developments regarding 5G and the County. It was reported that the Town Council decided to send a pared down version of the letter proposed by the 5G sub-committee regarding the 5G rollout and the role of municipalities and that a public hearing has been scheduled on April 14th to introduce an ordinance to amend the Town Code to clarify language regarding small cell applications. A discussion followed regarding the relative jurisdictions of the Town and County regarding the 5G roll out which was unresolved.

The Committee discussed the revised policy for speed hump requests and the new policy for radar speed sign requests for which the Council will hold a public hearing on April 14th. There was discussion that the two policies represent a good compromise and that the use of radar speed signs would allow for flexibility going forward.

The Committee discussed the need for a general review of traffic safety in the Town and the need for reaching out to Town residents for their concerns regarding the same. There was discussion that, if adopted, the new policies taken together with the proposed lower speed limit were themselves significant steps towards greater traffic safety. To address a voiced concern that residents might not be aware of the context of these changes (i.e. the Town-wide Traffic Study), Rich Brancato agreed to draft some language for the Forecast/Town Crier. It was discussed that it might be useful to compile into one document the emails etc. from residents regarding traffic safety concerns but it was decided to wait to see what happens with proposed traffic mitigation measures.

There being no new business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.