

## Town of Chevy Chase Public Services Committee

### Minutes of the May 23, 2021 Meeting

The meeting was called order by the Chair, Richard Brancato

In attendance were B. Rush, Council Liaison , B. Barnett, C. Wright, D. Worsham, G. Prakash, K. Rubin, and M. Coplan

The minutes of the April 28, 2021 meeting were approved.

Measures enacted by the Town Council to reduce cut-through traffic and speeding were reviewed.

- The speed limit in the Town has been reduced from 25 mph to 20 mph on all streets except those that adjoin the Chevy Chase Elementary School where the speed limit is 15 mph.
- Requirements for the installation of speed bumps have been streamlined. This has resulted in a new request for a speed bump that is now under consideration.
- The 15 mph speed limit zones on streets adjoining the Chevy Chase Elementary School are now clearly designated.

Traffic safety within the Town was discussed. It was agreed that speeding and failure to stop at stop signs are the main concerns. Traffic cutting through the Lawton Center at rush hour is an ongoing hazardous situation. Possible solutions were discussed.

The topic of cross walks within the town was considered.

A recommendation was made to engage professional assistance with traffic safety. Committee members will identify unsafe intersections within the town and report their findings at the next meeting. Data will be collected from the speed boards to assist in devising ways to improve traffic safety within the town. The Town Manager, through resident complaints, is a source of information on unsafe conditions within the town.

It was recognized that many of the drivers who speed and fail to stop at stop signs within the town are town residents. A campaign to encourage residents to obey all traffic regulations may be effective in improving traffic safety. Public relations professionals within the town will be contacted for advice on engaging the community.

B. Rush reviewed the schedule of the Town Council with regard to the enactment of regulations and ordinances.

There was a brief discussion of speed cameras. This is not a option for the town.

The one-way traffic restriction on 46<sup>th</sup> Street was considered.

The meeting was adjourned.