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Task Force Attendance:

J. Michel (Dept. of Public Works),
and T. Clark, St. Martin, B. DeAngelo, E. Schirmer (4 community representatives)
Venue: Town Meeting Room and via Zoom Link, formal part of the meeting started at 07:00 pm

(F. Camillo, J. Oberlander, J. Siciliano, M. Zanesky were not in attendance)

1. Welcome/Introduction - F. Camillo

2. Possible adjustments to Purpose/Mission of the Bicycle Task Force - F. Camillo

3. Confirmation of its Members; possible Additions - F. Camillo
   Given the above-referenced absences, Agenda items 1), 2) and 3) were postponed to the next meeting.

4. Findings about Bicycle Traffic to/from New Lebanon Elementary and Western Middle Schools in Byram: T. Clark provided an overview of the current transportation modes for student drop-offs and pick-ups based on feedback received from New Lebanon Elementary and Western Middle Schools:

   New Lebanon Elementary School (source: A. Michaelson, Principal):

   60-100 kids arrive by car, 150-200 walk to/from school, 6-7 take the bus (primary students with special needs), 1-2 kids use a bicycle or scooter. School population: 258
Western Middle School (source: G. Beinstein, Principal):

53% are dropped off/picked up by car, 18% walk, 24% bus, 5% use a bicycle or scooter. **School population: 585**

E. Schirmer shared the slides from the Task Force’s exploratory bicycle excursion on 08/21/21 pointing out several improvement opportunities to provide better safety/access for bicyclists (and pedestrians).

5. Comments from the Community - Representatives of the Byram Neighborhood Association and RTM’s District 4 were invited: L. Von Brachel (Secretary of the Byram Neighborhood Association) expressed appreciation for the Task Force’s initial findings and will report back to the Byram Neighborhood Association for further discussion and evaluation.

6. Decisions - possible next Action Steps (in Byram)

Since Task Force was not fully assembled, no recommendations or decisions were made and postponed to the next Task Force Meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was an active Q&A session between the public audience and J. Michel, on behalf of DPW, addressing both specific updates (current improvement project in Byram near Frontage/Delavan/I-95 Exit 2) as well as general audience questions about our Town’s organizational and road, traffic, budgetary, work schedule prioritization processes.

7. Adjourn – At 07:58 pm E. Schirmer thanked all the attendees and the event/technology teams from the Town of Greenwich and brought the Task Force Meeting to its end. He informed that Minutes as well as Place/Date/Time for the next public Bicycle Task Force Meeting will be published on the Town’s Website: [https://www.greenwichct.gov/1964/18881/Bicycle-Task-Force-Committee](https://www.greenwichct.gov/1964/18881/Bicycle-Task-Force-Committee)

Official GCTV / Town of Greenwich recording is available on: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VpK-63_2Z0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VpK-63_2Z0)

Next Public Meeting - to be held in November, after the Municipal Elections on 11/02/2021

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