



**Mayor and Town Council
Work Session
Wednesday, January 30, 2024
5:00 pm
Old Fire Hall, 212 W. Green Street, Snow Hill**

ZOOM ID # 835 5002 2284

AGENDA

1. Call to order by Mayor Pruitt
2. Discussion with representatives of Sperry Van Ness about their proposal to market the former PNC bank property.
3. Resolution on budget amendment to increase the legal expense line item.
4. Brief update on potential annexation for a revised Summerfield project
5. State Highway Administration Request for Projects
6. Discussion about recent brawl during public rental of the old firehouse
7. Mayor & Council Comments
8. Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes on any topic of Town business)
9. Motion to meet in Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters and to Seek Legal Advice
10. Adjournment

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This agenda may be subject to change.

EXCLUSIVE SALE LISTING AGREEMENT

I. **To SVN - Miller Commercial Real Estate, Broker,** In consideration of the use of the services and facilities of your Brokerage, I/We ("Seller") do hereby grant Broker the exclusive right to offer for sale, lease, exchange, or trade my/our commercial property, described as:

309 N Washington St. Snow Hill, MD
Tax ID 02-016761

in the county of Worcester, State of Maryland hereinafter referred to as the "Property") for the sales price of \$ _____, or such other price as Seller accepts.

II. **TERM:** This listing shall expire at midnight on 7/31/24.

III. **AUTHORIZATION:** Subject to Seller's election to maintain confidentiality per section X herein, Seller authorizes Broker to:

- (a) Process this listing in a timely manner with those Multiple Listing Service(s) (MLS) with which the Broker has agreed to share information. Seller agrees that all members of said Service(s) and other brokers might cooperate with Broker to procure a buyer for the Property.
- (b) Advertise the Property as Broker deems advisable.
- (c) Place a sign on the premises, and remove any other signs offering the Property for sale or lease. All signage will comply with local codes or ordinances.
- (d) Furnish information requested by any cooperating broker and to assist cooperating brokers (as deemed appropriate by broker), including brokers representing buyers, in closing a sale transaction of the Property. Broker shall be permitted to disseminate the sales price of the Property, when sold, to other brokers and appraisers. Broker will share all fees hereunder 50/50 with any cooperating Broker representing a buyer.
- (e) Keep in Broker's possession a key and/or keys for the purpose of making the Property accessible to cooperating brokers, inspectors, appraisers, and other necessary parties.

IV. **SELLER REPRESENTATION:** Seller warrants that the information contained herein is true and correct and may be used as a basis for presenting the Property to prospective buyers; and that Seller has disclosed in writing any known defects in the Property. Seller agrees said information is not guaranteed by broker and shall indemnify broker harmless from any claim, damages, judgment, and costs, expressly including reasonable attorney fees, arising out of or occurring incident to any mistake, exaggeration, omission or inaccuracy of said information. Seller hereby agrees to conduct all negotiations pertaining to the sale of the property through Broker and to promptly disclose to Broker any buyer interest it receives directly, and cooperate with Broker fully in Broker's efforts to sell or lease the Property. Seller further understands and agrees that Seller and not Broker is responsible for the care and physical condition of the Property, its management, maintenance, and repair. Seller warrants that Seller is the owner and/or has the authority to sign this contract. This contract is binding upon the parties hereto, and their personal representatives, successors, heirs and assigns, and contains the entire agreement and cannot be changed except by their written consent. This contract shall survive execution and delivery of the contract of sale and closing documents and shall not be merged therein.

V. **COOPERATION:** Seller further agrees that Broker may cooperate with other brokers acting as the subagent of the seller and with brokers engaged exclusively to represent the interests of potential purchasers of the Property ("Buyer's Agents") and authorizes and consents to cooperative efforts to sell and the exchange of information and assistance by and between Broker, subagent of the seller and Buyer's Agents to promote the sale of the Property.

VI. **BROKERAGE FEE:** The undersigned Seller agrees to pay Broker a Brokerage Fee for services rendered in the amount set forth below: (1) if during the term of this listing, or any extension thereof, Broker produces a buyer/tenant to purchase/lease said Property at the listing price or at such other price or on such other terms as shall be accepted by Seller, or (2) if said Property is sold or exchanged directly by Seller or through Broker, or others, during the term of the contract or any extension thereof, or within 180 days thereafter, to anyone who, with the knowledge of Seller or any agent of Seller, inspected or made inquiry about the Property during the term of this contract or any extension thereof. Seller agrees to pay Broker a Brokerage Fee of 7% (6% if John McClellan or Kelly Jeter is the selling agent) of the sale price. This fee shall be earned and due and payable when a buyer or tenant is produced who is ready, willing, and able to purchase on the terms herein provided, or on any modification approved by Seller. Any sum due Broker hereunder shall be a charge against the Property and will be paid at settlement. However, Seller hereby acknowledges and agrees settlement on the Property shall not be a condition precedent to Seller's obligation to pay a Brokerage Fee to Broker when earned as herein described. Seller further agrees that the terms and conditions of this contract shall prevail over any provisions of a contract of sale executed by Seller for the sale of the Property. In the event Broker prevails in a legal action against Seller to collect all or any part of the commission due broker under the provisions hereof, Seller shall indemnify Broker for all costs and expenses, including,

but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees which Broker shall incur in attempting to collect said commission Seller specifically agrees that in the event Seller files any action or complaint with a local Board of REALTORS or the State Real Estate Commission, or files any legal action or complaint in any manner related to Broker's performance, or the performance of licensee(s), salespersons, and/or agents affiliated with Broker under this contract and does not prevail, Seller shall indemnify Broker, and/or said others including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees. The amount of Broker's compensation is not prescribed by Law nor established by any membership organization with which Broker is affiliated.

VII. FORFEITURE: If a deposit made on any contract of sale is forfeited to Seller or if all or part of the deposit shall be received by Seller pursuant to a settlement or agreement made by and between Seller and a buyer, the commission for Broker's services shall be 50% of the amount received by Seller, but shall not exceed an amount equal to the full commission specified herein. The provisions of the Paragraph VII, however, shall not prohibit Broker from making any claim or asserting any right which Broker may to collect the total commission due from Seller as otherwise provided in this contract.

VIII. FAIR HOUSING: The Property will be offered, shown and made available for sale to all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, marital status, familial status, age, physical or mental handicap, sexual orientation, or sexual identity.

IX. EXPIRATION: Unless terminated in writing by either party, this agreement shall automatically renew on a month-to-month basis. Upon expiration of this agreement, BROKER will provide to owner a written list of interested prospects that have toured the property and or negotiated a sale or lease within the sixty (60) days prior to expiration. Owner will compensate BROKER the herein described commission if any party on that list executes a lease or contract acceptable to landlord within ninety (90) days of the listing expiration.

X. CONFIDENTIALITY. Owner has the right to request confidentiality with respect to the real property being listed hereunder. If Owner wishes to request such confidentiality, Owner hereby acknowledges and understands completely that Broker is under no obligation to market the real property on any centralized marketing system or internet outlet (i.e. MLS), but Broker shall have the right to market in any manner he deems necessary, so long as such marketing is carried out pursuant to the wishes for confidentiality by the Owner. If such option is requested, Broker shall not market such real property unless and until a confidentiality or nondisclosure agreement is executed by any potential purchasers. Such election by Owner grants Broker the right to market the real property in any manner Broker deems advisable, in its sole and absolute discretion.

Owner hereby initials this paragraph X to exercise its right to confidentiality in the marketing process: _____

XI. MINISTERIAL ACTS: Seller hereby agrees that it will indemnify and hold harmless Broker, its agent, employees and contractors from any claims for damages or liability related to Seller's specific request to conduct any repairs, adjustments, or services related to care and condition of the property. This includes all reasonable steps taken by Broker, its agents and contractors, to prevent damage to Seller's property – even without Seller's specific instructions.

SELLER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE/SHE/THEY HAS/HAVE READ THIS CONTRACT AND UNDERSTANDS ITS CONTENTS AND THAT THERE ARE NO OTHER EXISTING AGREEMENTS OR CONDITIONS OTHER THAN SET FORTH HEREIN.

Seller Signature: _____ Date: _____

Seller Name: Mayor & Council of Snow Hill

Mailing Address: 103 Bank St.

Snow Hill, MD 21863-1031

Seller Email: townmanager@snowhillmd.com

Seller Phone: 443-953-4716

Broker: SVN - Miller Commercial Real Estate

Agent: John McClellan and Kelly Jeter

January 11, 2024

Mr. Rick Pollitt
Town Manager
103 Bank St
Snow Hill, MD 21863

Re: 309 N Washington St. Property Evaluation

Dear Rick,

Thank you for the opportunity to evaluate the Town's property on N Washington St. The commercial real estate market has been very strong over the last few years. While there has been a slight decrease in velocity given rising interest rates and market uncertainty, we are still seeing strong activity for properties that are priced properly and positioned well in the market.

We would like to outline our recommendation as to pricing, timing and any recommended enhancements that will help market the property and position it in the best light possible. We believe this property will be well received in the market should we be awarded the listing.

We see the highest and best use for this property as a professional office user such as an accounting office, law firm, insurance agency, etc. Per the tax record, the property is zoned B-1 Downtown Shopping District, and the total square footage is 3,673 SF on two levels, on a .29 acre lot. If we go to market, we recommend doing some clean-up of the building including removal of old furniture/fixtures, clean-up of debris/old insulation, etc. in order for the property to show in its best light.

An important factor to consider is this property's location in the 100-year flood zone. Flood insurance will likely be required to be purchased by a new owner which creates a very large additional carrying cost of the property. We have considered this expense and have tempered our evaluation as such. Has the town done any further investigation into flood insurance issues or perhaps obtained an elevation certificate. That knowledge will be important in mitigating potential issues related to flooding. If funding is available, we recommend hiring a surveyor to obtain a certificate – we can help with this action.

Per our conversation on site, a potential buyer of this property is going to be limited by their ability to improve the property given its location in the flood zone and the need to raise the entire building if a certain improvement threshold is met. This will make it almost impossible for a restaurant to utilize as their improvement budget would be significant, leaving the highest and best use a professional office user.

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Additionally, as discussed, a major concern is the available parking on this property. You currently have 5 lined spaces and assuming you can park 2-3 vehicles in the drive through, you are looking at a maximum amount of 8 spaces. A typical parking ratio is 1:200 or 19 spaces for this property. Perhaps we could consider other creative solutions such as street parking or the possibility of using a few of the library parking spaces to help combat this issue with prospective buyers.

As you will see on the attached proposal, we have identified comparable sales ranging from \$55 - \$100 PSF. None of these buildings are identical to yours however, they possess similarities be it location, size, or improvements. We believe that your property would fall towards the middle to lower end of this range due to the location of the building in the 100-year flood zone, proximity to the river, and overall condition of the building. From a market comparable standpoint, we estimate the value to be in the range of \$68 - \$75 PSF or \$250,000 - \$275,000.

The office product type has been specifically difficult however, as mentioned above, when positioned appropriately, we expect to garner interest and activity from users with an immediate need for space. If we were to list your property for sale, it would be our recommendation to list at a value of **\$280,000 (\$76.23 PSF) with the expectation of selling in the range of \$250,000 - \$260,000 (\$68.06 - \$70.79 PSF).**

We have the experience and expertise to successfully complete this assignment for you. Our team has had success in the sale of professional office properties and we would love the opportunity to assist the Town with your disposition. While we can never guarantee that we can absolutely lease or sell a property, we assure you that our team will make sure all qualified prospects in the market are made aware of the building as well as the entire brokerage community. Our team recently completed the sale of the former Emporium building at the corner of Pearl St and Greene St over the summer.

Our approach to marketing is nicknamed "*The SVN Difference.*" Our primary focus is to maximize exposure to as many prospects and their brokers as possible. We proactively offer 50% of our commission to cooperating brokers. We believe that maximum exposure leads to more potential tenants allowing us to yield the best possible outcomes for our clients.

We have a great sense of what is happening in all aspects of commercial real estate. SVN has the connections and capabilities through a variety of resources to let hundreds of potential prospects know your building is available. We reach out to hundreds of brokers, users, investors, and others not only on Delmarva but even across the bay.

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Additionally, within the brokerage division, we have experts with very knowledgeable background in each property type. With over 45 years of collective experience, one of the McClellan Team's specialties is in the leasing and sales of office and industrial real estate and we have brokered deals ranging from shuttered poultry plants to Class A office buildings. The McClellan Team is made up of three members – John McClellan (Senior Advisor), Kelly Jeter (Advisor), and Chris Messick (Associate Advisor). The three of us will be working in collaboration in our listing and marketing efforts to ensure maximum exposure and awareness. Our extensive network will serve your building well.

Please review the attached report. We will be adding additional items including drone photos, additional community / economic development information as we begin marketing. If you have any questions regarding the report, please let us know.

We are also attaching a draft of our listing agreement for your review. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this document as well.

If the Town of Snow Hill would like our team to come present and discuss our proposal in further detail regarding our evaluation and marketing of your building, we would be happy to make ourselves available as needed.

We look forward to hearing from you and the opportunity to work on this project.

Sincerely,



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February 17, 2023

Mr. Paul J. Wiedefeld, Acting Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, MD 21076

RE: State Transportation Priorities in Worcester County for 2023

Dear Secretary Wiedefeld:

Thank you for the opportunity to present Worcester County's transportation priorities at the upcoming Consolidated Transportation Program tour this fall. In advance of that meeting, shown below is the list of projects we would like to discuss with you and the MDOT team during the tour and at the summer MACO conference in Ocean City, August 16 – 19, 2023.

DUALIZE MD 90

Traffic congestion on MD 90 continues to worsen. Ocean City has become a year round tourist destination and development on the north end of Worcester County continues to see record growth in new home and business construction. MD 90 needs to be dualized to address the increased traffic demands. Worcester County recognizes full dualization is a major capital project with a prolonged timeline for completion.

In addition, it is requested MDOT review the possibility of the short term interim improvement of strengthening and widening the shoulders of MD 90 while full dualization is pursued. The shoulders of MD 90 are too narrow and too thin to support sustained vehicular traffic. As such, during most routine maintenance operations by SHA, MD 90 is placed into a flagging operation or one lane is shut down entirely because the presence of the median guardrail. Traffic quickly backs up and significant delays are encountered. By widening and strengthening the shoulders to support temporary vehicular traffic, it will reduce the need to fully close a travel lane during maintenance or emergency response activities. It is believed this short term improvement could be

undertaken quickly while long range planning, permitting, design, and construction moves forward towards full dualization.

DUALIZE MD 589

The north end of Worcester County has experienced significant growth over the last decade and the MD 589 corridor has become heavily congested at all times of the year. More people are living in Ocean Pines year round than ever before and commercial development is increasing. Congestion and delay issues along MD 589 are at or are approaching failing conditions as the road network reaches maximum capacity. MD 589 needs to be dualized to address the congestion issues and increasing safety concerns as additional residents come to the area.

NEW DRAWBRIDGE ON US 50 ENTERING OCEAN CITY

Similar to MD 90, traffic congestion on US 50 continues to worsen. In recent years, there have been several incidents of the existing drawbridge getting stuck. With Ocean City serving as a year round tourist destination, the US 50 drawbridge needs to be replaced with a more reliable structure and one that can accommodate the increasing traffic congestion issues.

SIGNALIZE THE INTERSECTION AT MD 611 & MD 376

During tourist season, MD 376 experiences significant delays and queuing as eastbound traffic waits to turn left onto northbound MD 611. There are several traffic generating businesses north of the intersection (ex. Frontier Town Campground & Water Park, Eagle's Landing Golf Course, Ocean City Airport) as well as numerous residential and commercial developments. The steady stream of traffic to and from Assateague Park does not allow for adequate gaps for traffic to enter onto MD 611. The intersection needs to be signalized to reduce the delay and congestion on MD 376, even if using a seasonal signal operation similar to what was approved for MD 611 and Golf Course Road several years ago.

SIGNALIZE THE INTERSECTION AT MD 367 & MD 368 (BISHOPVILLE)

GPS applications such as Google Maps and Waze are sending increasing amounts of traffic down MD 367 and MD 368 as an alternate route to MD 90 instead of the more appropriate and better suited route of US 113. MD 367 & MD 368 are two lane, two way roads intended more to serve residential traffic, not the volume of tourist traffic currently being experienced. Local residents and visitors to the area are getting stuck on MD 368 north bound as they try to turn left on MD 367 west bound. The intersection needs to be signalized to reduce delay and congestion.

SIGNALIZE THE INTERSECTION AT US 13 & MD 366 (POCOMOKE)

Worcester County is requesting MDOT upgrade the intersection of US 13 and MD 366 in Pocomoke from the existing intersection control beacon to a full traffic signal. Over the years, there have been multiple crashes at the intersection, including twenty (20) between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2021. All 20 crashes were angle collisions. There have also been multiple crashes this past year, 2022, which have not yet been recorded in the State's crash data but have been experienced by residents of Pocomoke. US 13 is a divided highway at this intersection with a crossing distance of 160 feet. For comparison, the intersection of US 13 and MD 364 (2.3 miles north of MD 366) has a crossing distance of 120 feet and it is signalized. In addition, US 13 & MD 366 is located on a horizontal curve and there is a grade change when approaching the intersection westbound which creates sight distance issues.

SIGNALIZE THE INTERSECTION AT US 50 & MD 610

Worcester County is requesting MDOT upgrade the intersection of US 50 and MD 610 to a full traffic signal similar to what was recently completed at the intersection of US 50 and Sixty Foot Road in Wicomico County. US 50 and MD 610 is a highly traveled intersection which has experienced numerous crashes over the years. Several years ago, the intersection received lane marking revisions to enhance northbound traffic's line-of-sight as it crosses westbound US 50. Despite the revisions, crashes continue to occur due to the sight distance issue and the high prevailing speed of US 50. MD 610 is a major north-south corridor, connecting US 50 to US 113 and is routinely used by both local commuters and tourists. In addition, there is a major campground on the southeast corner which acts as a traffic generator during tourist season.

CONSTRUCT SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ON US 113 NEAR CORKERS CREEK

The corridor of US 113 near Corker's Creek has several crashes between January 1, 2019 and November 30, 2022, including 1 fatal crash. The prevailing crash patterns are night time crashes where vehicles have left the road. Worcester County is requesting the installation of guard rail and roadway lighting through the corridor to address the safety concerns of residents in the area.

ELIMINATE FLOODING ON MD 12 NORTH OF SNOW HILL

MD 12 north of Snow Hill floods even during moderate rain events. High water signs have been installed and are left in place year round. The road is lower than surrounding properties and there are no drainage structures to relieve flooding. MD 12 is a designated evacuation route that is impassible during large storms (when the route is needed the most) due to the flooding. The road needs to be raised with drainage structures added to keep the road passable and clear during storm events.

CONSTRUCT DEDICATED RIGHT TURN LANE ON SOUTH BOUND ST. MARTINS NECK ROAD AT MD 90

Thanks to GPS apps like Google and Waze, more and more out of town traffic is being directed down St. Martin's Neck Road as a way to bypass traffic slowdowns on US 113 and MD 90. During tourist season traffic backs up as people wait to make left turns off of south bound St. Martin's Neck Road onto east bound MD 90. Currently there is only one south bound lane at the intersection. Local residents wanting to turn right onto west bound MD 90 must wait in long queues. A south bound right turn lane needs to be constructed to better facilitate traffic wanting to head west bound on MD 90.

CONSTRUCT APS/CPS FOR PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS US 113 AT MD 346

The intersection of US 113 and MD 346 in Berlin has sidewalks, handicap ramps, and crosswalks on the east and west sides of the intersection but is lacking the necessary amenities for pedestrians to safely cross US 113. APS/CPS and crosswalks need to be added to the north leg of the intersection.

CONSTRUCT APS/CPS FOR PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS MD 589 & MANKLIN CREEK ROAD

The intersection of MD 589 and Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines has sidewalks, handicap ramps on the south and east legs of the intersection but is lacking the necessary amenities for pedestrians to safely cross either. APS/CPS and crosswalks need to be added to the south and east legs of the intersection to finish the work that has already been started.

DEVELOP AN ACCESS MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE MD 611 CORRIDOR

Residential and commercial development on MD 611 is increasing. There is concern that if the growth continues, traffic congestion will become similar to what is currently experienced on MD 589. An access management plan needs to be developed for the corridor in order to provide a consistent and clearly understood approach as to the placement of access points, traffic signals, access roads, lane designations, pedestrian & bicycle amenities, and right-of-way needs. Future residential & commercial businesses can then reference and use the plan when developing the layout of their developments.

CONSTRUCT SHARED USE PATH ON MD 611 FROM US 50 TO ASSATEAGUE PARK

The recent completion of the shared use path on US 50 in West Ocean City has been received and used by the public with great success. Worcester County is requesting SHA begin planning for an extension of the existing path to connect the West Ocean City area to Assateague State Park. With the volume of traffic on MD 611, the numerous traffic generating destinations along the corridor, and MDOT's goal of promoting multimodal

travel, extension of the path to one of the largest traffic and tourist generating destinations in Worcester County is a logical project. A phased approach for design and construction could be used to make the project more financially feasible similar to the approach used for the shared use path on MD 413 in Somerset County.

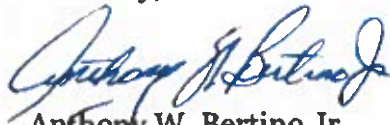
UPDATE THE BATHROOMS AT THE MARYLAND STATE LINE - US13 - POCOMOKE WELCOME CENTER

MDOT is responsible for maintaining the bathrooms at the Maryland State Line welcome center on US 13 in Pocomoke. The bathrooms have deteriorated and are outdated. As a visitor's first impression into Maryland and Worcester County, the facilities need to be updated to improve the function and aesthetics.

Lastly, Worcester County has received the attached priority letters from Snow Hill and Berlin which we are including in this submittal to MDOT.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. If you should require any additional information or you should have any questions or concerns with regards to these matters, please feel free to contact me or Weston Young, Chief Administrative Officer, at this office.

Sincerely,



Anthony W. Bertino Jr.
President

cc: Weston Young, Chief Administrative Officer
Candace Savage, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dallas Baker, Director of Public Works
Chris Clasing, Deputy Director of Public Works
Jennifer Keener, Director of Development, Review, and Permitting
Michael Pruitt, Mayor, Snow Hill
Zack Tyndall, Mayor, Berlin
Mark Crampton, D-1 District Engineer, SHA
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Delegate Wayne Hartman
Delegate Charles J. Otto



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MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF SNOW HILL

February 10, 2023

Mr. Dallas Baker Jr., P.E.
Director of Public Works
Worcester County
6113 Timmons Road
Snow Hill, MD 21863

Dear Mr. Baker:

On behalf of the Mayor & Town Council of Snow Hill, Maryland, we appreciate the opportunity to contribute our local priorities for inclusion in Worcester County's submission of needed projects to the Maryland Department of Transportation for the Consolidated Transportation Program for 2023. Our recommendations center around the following issues:

- **Route #12 Flooding & Drainage**

The entrance to Snow Hill on State Route #12 has been historically challenged for generations by flood waters caused by a rising Pocomoke River due to weather and tidal events that cover the road, reaching depths that require road closure to all traffic. It has sometimes been necessary, even, for the Town of Snow Hill emergency responders to station equipment on the western side of the bridge to be able to respond to needs in that portion of their service area. We realize the solution to this problem will be comprehensive and expensive but we must continue to encourage the State to make this a priority for public safety and to delay further deterioration of the road structure.

One long-term but permanent solution to the problem would be the construction of a new crossing of the river, creating a by-pass of town, intersecting with State Route #113 north of Snow Hill. While this may generate discussion from some of the commercial interests downtown, there would be a safety benefit there, as well, with the elimination of most of the heavy truck traffic that is currently forced to traverse downtown to the Rt.#12 bridge.

- **Safe streets on State roads and highways**

We ask consideration by the State Highway Administration of new signage, painted crosswalks, speed bumps or humps in selected locations along roadways under their jurisdiction. We constantly receive questions and complaints from the public about pedestrian safety and speeding traffic along portions of Washington Street, Market Street, Church Street and others. The Town asks that SHA meet with our staff to review the State street system in Snow Hill and collaborate on ways to improve public safety at these locations.

- Signage warning heavy truck drivers about the use of "Jake Brakes" in Town limits

The Town government and Police Department are constantly receiving complaints from residents about the use of "Jake Brakes" and the noise and disruption they bring to the surrounding neighborhoods. We ask that signs be placed on State routes entering Town, prohibiting the use of "Jake Brakes".



- Finally, we respectfully encourage our colleagues at the Department of Transportation to always honor the needs and requests of our sister communities across Worcester County.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to share our thoughts with the county commissioners and the State Department of Transportation. If we can provide any additional information or be of service to you going forward, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Pruitt", written in a cursive style.

Michael Pruitt

Mayor