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2026 Livable Tarrytown Questionnaire

1. What are the top five places (e.g., an intersection, a street crossing, a particular roadway) in Tarrytown that you would like to improve for pedestrians and bicyclists? What specific changes do you think would improve each of the sites?

I have identified five places that I would like to improve for pedestrians and bicyclists. They are as follows:

1. **Broadway (Route 9) and East Franklin Street:** Improve crosswalk visibility and review crossing times so people have enough time to cross safely.
2. **West Main Street (Rivermarket) area and the Metro-North bus station (Bakehouse) area:** Make walking routes clearer, improve crosswalk markings, and consider flashing crosswalk lights to increase visibility where pedestrians, bicyclists, buses, and cars come together.
3. **Main Street and White Street:** Improve visibility for pedestrians and drivers, particularly where parked vehicles may block a person's view.
4. **Neperan Road at the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail:** Make the trail crossing more visible with clearer markings and signs reminding drivers to slow down.
5. **Benedict Avenue, from Detmer Avenue toward Martling Avenue/Crest Drive:** Review vehicle speeds, improve pedestrian crossings and sidewalk connections, and consider measures to calm traffic to make walking and biking safer.

2. From your perspective, please explain why making our streets safe for all neighbors is a matter of equity.

Safe streets are a matter of fairness and equal access. Whether residents walk, bike, drive, or use public transportation, everyone deserves to travel safely. This is especially important for children, seniors, people with disabilities, and residents who do not have a car. Every neighborhood in Tarrytown should be safe and accessible.

3. For candidates who have previously served on the Board of Trustees: over the past term, what initiatives have you voted for that helped make our streets safer for everyone in Tarrytown, no matter their age or physical ability?

As a Trustee, I have supported and voted for our Safe Streets for All plan and improvements to pedestrian crossings along Broadway, particularly near schools. I have also supported sidewalk and accessibility improvements throughout Tarrytown. These are collective efforts of the Board, and I want us to keep moving this work forward.

4. Are there ways that you think Tarrytown could or should collaborate with the government of Sleepy Hollow to enhance work on “Safe Streets for All” across the two villages? How?

Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow must continue building on our joint Safe Streets for All plan. We should identify shared safety concerns, coordinate improvements to sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike routes, and work with the school district to make travel safer for students. Working together will also strengthen our ability to secure funding for these improvements.

5. Will you commit to walking or biking to and from at least ten Board of Trustees meetings during the upcoming year?

I don't think I can realistically make that commitment. I live some distance from Village Hall, and getting to evening Board meetings after leaving work in Port Chester would be challenging. However, I can commit to walking or riding my bike to the Tarrytown Farmers Market on at least ten Saturdays during the year.

6. If you believe the current cost of housing in the village is excessive, what specific actions should Village government take to address the situation?

Yes, housing in Tarrytown is too expensive for many people. While Village government cannot solve this alone, we have taken steps, including adopting the Good Cause Eviction Law to help protect renters. I also support requiring developers to set aside a percentage of new housing at affordable rates, so more families have the opportunity to rent or purchase a home here.

7. Can you briefly share your vision for ensuring Tarrytown is an inclusive, thriving, and livable community in the years and decades ahead? What policies would you prioritize to achieve this vision?

I want Tarrytown to remain a welcoming community for everyone. As a Trustee, my priorities are maintaining our infrastructure, improving parks, sidewalks, and streets, making walking, hiking, and biking safer, supporting local businesses and our library, and expanding affordable housing opportunities. I will continue listening to residents and working with my colleagues to move these priorities forward while preserving what makes Tarrytown a special place.