

**TOWN OF BRIGHTON
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes
July 17, 2019
9:30 a.m.**

Brookside – Rec. Dept.

PRESENT: Dennis Adams, Robin Wilt, Christine Corrado, Becky Cotter, Bill Moehle

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

9:40 am

OPEN FORUM

- Dennis Adams of the Corbett's Glen Advisory Council reported on a meeting he attended on invasive species that was offered by the NYS DEC, and he discussed what he learned at the meeting within the context of Corbett's Glen. He identified Japanese Knotweed as being an invasive species of most concern. He indicated that it may be controlled through mowing or trenching, but would be prohibitively labor and cost intensive to address, as it currently occupies acres of the Glen. One of the DEC speakers, who resides in Henrietta, offered to get involved to help explore managing invasive species in both Henrietta and Brighton. We will consult with Henrietta Supervisor Steve Schultz regarding potential collaboration.
- Under guidance from the Corbett's Glen Advisory Council, new road signage and road surface labeling was installed at Corbett's Glen. This, along with an increased police presence, has resulted in a huge improvement in parking compliance.
- Trash being left on Glen Road and in other parts of Corbett's Glen, the volume of dogs visiting the park, and swimmers were discussed. Dennis noted seeing fewer unleashed dogs in the park, as well as fewer people breaching the knee fencing.
- There was discussion of the potential formation of a Friends of Corbett's Glen Committee to have a presence regularly engaged on some of the areas that continue to be of concern and need to be addressed within the park, as well as a discussion of what the structure that committee might assume.

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COMMUNICATIONS

E-mail communication from Mary Ellen Blanchard RE: "Salty's Law" to Strengthen Animal Welfare and Cruelty Prevention

- Pertains mostly to Puppy Mills/Breeders
- This subject has been tabled within the context of Community Services Committee and has been moved to the Public Safety Committee agenda, where Chief Henderson will address the concerns raised.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- There was a discussion of our Tuesday Night Concerts Series, in relation to Parking and Concessions.

- Parking issues have improved greatly with Brighton Youth Soccer not holding their soccer program targeted toward our youngest age contingent in the park on Tuesdays. Those youth soccer games have been relocated to Meridian Centre Park.
- A new food vendor has been added for Tuesdays and is operating out of a cart, as opposed to any structure in the park. So far, the arrangement is working really well.
- Brighton Recreation Summer camps are underway and going well. Enrollment is lower this year, due to changes introduced to accommodate construction in BCSD buildings. Recreation staff is working around our space limitations as best they can.
- Buckland House docent plans are moving forward, as we have recently received a commitment of financial sponsorship from Brighton Rotary for the purchase and installation of an art hanging system for possibly two of the rooms. Weiders Hardware donated a key lock box so that we can better control access to and ingress and egress to/from the house. A schedule of activities and open hours is being developed with a team of volunteers.
- Summer and Fall recreation programs were discussed, as the Fall Brochure planning is well underway, while promotion of summer programs is ongoing.
- Brighton Seniors hosted their annual Summer Picnic that was very well received and attended, and this year, included a space theme and a rocket launch to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing.
- Pets in public buildings during recreation programs was discussed, as well as what protections the ADA provides for service animals vs. emotional support animals. Processes will be implemented to ensure safety, inclusivity and regulatory compliance for all Brighton Recreation programming with regard to our four-legged friends.

Winter Farm Market Update

- Meeting occurred on July 17 to discuss Phase 2 plans—which will now primarily focus on interior buildout of the barn.
- Completion of the Phase 1 punch list is ongoing, as there have been issues with the doors operating smoothly. We are working cooperatively with the vendor who installed the doors to address those items.
- Every attempt is being made to include trail expansion/contiguity and the crosswalk from the Brickyard Trail to the Buckland House Parking lot across Westfall Road in Phase 2 of the project.

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Committee Update

- We are currently executing a Doodle Poll in order to schedule the initial meeting of the full committee. We are looking forward to having a strong Town Board presence at the first committee meeting, to demonstrate the Town's support for the goals of the committee.
- There are currently three open positions on the committee, and process for filling these available positions is to be determined at a later time.
- The initial meeting should be held sometime in early August.

Community Choice Aggregation Law Update

- The four MOU municipalities have convened and each expressed preliminary preferences for a particular Administrator.

- A list of follow-up questions has been submitted to the two respondent Administrators, and we are awaiting distribution of the responses before moving to next steps on final selection of a CCA Administrator.
- End of summer remains the target for making final selections.

Brighton Safe Streets for All Update

PACE Program Update and Complete Streets Makeover Contest Update – Christine Corrado

- At the time of our meeting, there was no update on the opportunity to work with an intern to develop ideas around the intersection of Torrington and Brooklawn at Monroe. We expect more movement on this opportunity during the new academic year.
- There was a lengthy discussion of inquiries from residents regarding Re-Imagine RTS routing and the lack of service to community amenities like BML and Town Hall.
- Anticipated cuts in routes in Brighton and Henrietta are very troubling and impactful for our community. There was also a related discussion of route cut backs on development projects that were previously approved with existing transit components, and how available public transit impacts SEQR for larger projects.
- Ultimately, residents rely on RTS for transportation and accessing important points in Brighton, including RIT and U of R Campus and Medical Office Buildings, the VA Clinic, etc...
- The Town is committed to Community Mobility Zones and the need to engage with underserved populations to better examine the impacts of these route reductions, particularly on our senior and differently-abled communities.
- Also related to transit, school zones and speed limits within the Town are currently being reviewed, particularly researching the entire infrastructure within school zones to make sure that appropriate, consistent markings and signage is in place in all zones.

Councilmember on Your Corner Update – Robin Wilt

- We have had three successful Councilmember on Your Corner events.
- The overwhelming community feedback is positive.
- The next event will be on Sunday, July 28, 2019, and Supervisor Moehle will be added to the schedule to discuss the Highland Crossing opening.

Noise Ordinance Benchmarking Update – Robin Wilt

- Collected noise ordinances from other municipalities, including: the City of Rochester, Penfield, Pittsford, Mendon, Irondequoit and Phelps (who has a very intricate decibel-based noise ordinance)
- Additional communication indicating concern has been registered with regard noise nuisances, so we continue to review the appropriate enforcement and language with regard to the applicable window of enforcement and the appropriateness of inclusion of decibel-based language.
- It was noted that this discussion of acceptable timing and decibel-based enforcement for noise pertains to private residents and contractors only. (Town operations are not subject to change as a result of any potential code revisions).

NEW BUSINESS

Brighton Complete Count Committee

- 2020 is almost upon us, and that means so is the Decennial Census.
- There is a Rochester/Monroe Complete Count Committee, overseen by Susan Perry, that held its inaugural meeting in mid-June, 2019.
- One of the subcommittees is a municipal committee. Dave Seeley, as president of the Supervisor's Association, will be chairing municipal efforts as they relate to complete count. There are geographic and circumstantial populations in Brighton that we are concerned about being at-risk for undercount. The town is working to identify those places where potential problems might exist and target those areas to ensure participation in the Census.
- We are open to input on areas/entities that should be engaged for maximum inclusion, and it may be a topic discussed by the IDEA Board.
- The Rochester/Monroe Complete Count Committee is planning to do municipal presentations and there is the potential for cable access videos and marketing firms to be engaged. The Town of Brighton will be actively involved to try to ensure an accurate count of our community, as this count help determines access to resources for the next decade.

Compost Districts

- We received an email communication from Color Brighton Green inquiring about the potential for curbside composting within the town. This has been an item of discussion among the SOC, and currently, price point and scalability of existing programs are concerns for obtaining widespread buy-in from neighborhoods, and enabling the establishment of a pilot district.
- While it is too late to add Compost Districts for calendar year 2020, the Town continues to explore potential partnerships and grant programs to enable providing this service. It is a topic that will be explored, in detail, beginning in September, when the SOC reconvenes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Document Shredding Event

Brighton Highway Department, 1941 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, October 12th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Semi-Annual DEA Pharmaceutical Take Back Event

Brighton Town Hall Public Safety Wing, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, October 26th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday

August 21st, 2019

9:30 am Brookside