



## Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

### **MINUTES**

**August 21, 2019**

**Location: Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road**

**Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

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**PRESENT:** William Moehle, Robin Wilt, Marti Balta, Pattie Taylor Brown, Sandra Lovell, Ryan Acuff, Matt Beeman, Becky Cotter

### **OPEN FORUM**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

July 17, 2019 – WM, RW

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

August 21, 2019 Letter from Brighton Beautification Committee RE: Committee Vacancies and Adopt a Beautification Site Program

### **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

#### **Park Issues: Matt Beeman**

- Ongoing seasonal maintenance (painting and staining) of the lodges continues.
- Work on the knee fencing at Corbett's Glen to continue the trail border at its current North and South ends will recommence after Labor Day. Trees needing removal within Corbett's Glen were also discussed.
- The Superintendent of Parks is working with Game Time to secure matching grant funding for playground equipment replacement at Meridian Centre Park. Ideas for ways to improve the playground if grant funding isn't realized are also being developed.

#### **Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter**

- Summer programs and camps are finished after a successful season.
- Fall recreation brochures are out, and registration begins on September 3rd for residents. Registration for non-residents will open on September 10th.
- Bands at Buckland was a huge success this year. Relocating the youngest youth soccer programs to an alternate site allowed the concerts to grow without increased safety concerns. Concessions remain somewhat of a challenge, but Matt Beeman will continue to try to locate a food vendor that represents a good fit for the needs of the concert series.

- Work continues on purchasing and installing an art hanging system in parts of the Buckland House, with the hopes of making the space more flexible and appealing for ongoing use by both Town and Community Groups.
- The Summer Farmers' Market is going great at BHS. Parking constraints due to ongoing construction at the high school, as well as programming for athletics, continue to make congestion a challenge. We are having ongoing discussions around the potential needs in terms of space, depending on future BCSD construction projects.

### **Winter Farm Market Update**

- Outstanding door repairs are among the final punch-list items to be completed by the week ending August 23rd.
- Phase 2 of development will entail work on the internal structure, with Insite Architecture currently completing bid documents.
- Mike Guyon, our Commissioner of Public Works is looking into erecting a "Coming Soon" sign on the site. However, we don't expect the site to be usable until sometime in 2021, at earliest.

### **Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Committee Update**

- The first meeting was held with almost a full complement of 18 attendees, plus almost all of the Town Board members in attendance.
- Doodle Poll was conducted to schedule the next meeting (which will be on September 12th).
- Materials have been issued for review by the consultant for the next meeting, and we're excited to be developing rapport and beginning initial stages of engaging the community around issues of diversity and inclusion.

### **Community Choice Aggregation Law Update**

- The procurement processes of all of the MOU municipalities yielded unanimous recommendations from all of the participating municipalities to approve Joule Assets as CCA Administrator.
- We are on schedule for all MOU municipalities to pass resolutions to officially select an administrator by August 28th, then we will transition over to working with the Administrator to implement CCA individually among all of the communities.

### **Brighton Safe Streets for All Update**

#### **PACE Program Update and Complete Streets Makeover Contest Update: Christine Corrado**

#### **Brighton Safe Streets for All:**

- Membership in the virtual organization (FB group) is now up to just under 100 engaged community members
- A general meeting is scheduled for September
  - Agenda will include updates on Town progress towards complete streets goals as identified in both the Bike/Walk Brighton and the Envision Brighton Comprehensive Plan, as well as the formation of a subcommittee to finalize and implement the PACE Car Program

#### **PACE Car Program:**

- The development of this public awareness and behavioral change campaign has been on hold since late spring/early summer 2019. However, now with a critical mass of BSSfA members eager to take action on improving conditions for walkers and bicyclists in Brighton through driver awareness, a subcommittee/implementation team will be formed with the goal of launching the program to closely precede or coincide with National Walk to School Day, Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

### **Reconnect Rochester Complete Streets Makeover: Cornell Design Program**

- The intersection of Monroe Ave & Brooklawn/Torrington was nominated (but not selected) for the Complete Streets Makeover Contest. Rather than focusing on just that intersection, Reconnect Rochester has proposed that the Brighton Safe Streets for All and the Cornell Design Program examine the accessibility of the entire stretch of Monroe Avenue from Twelve Corners I-590—much like as was done with the Monroe Avenue charettes.
- With this corridor not only an area of focus in the Envision Brighton Comprehensive Plan but also in the pipeline for repaving by the State in the next year or two, the Cornell team would work with the Town and community to develop a vision/rendering and prepare a strong case to advocate for the new and improved street design / streetscape they'd like to see. This expanded geographic area would provide a multi-faceted project with many different components & research tasks to divvy up among student team members.
- A preliminary walk-through is scheduled for Monday, August 26, 11am-1pm. Representatives from Reconnect Rochester, Cornell, and the Town will meet at 12 Corners, walk to the 590 on/off ramps and back, finishing up at Panera over lunch and plans for next steps.

### **Councilmember on Your Corner Update**

Program Extension to Year-Round Status: Robin Wilt

- We have determined that a “Prompt” format is more successful than not having a conversation-starter.
- Due to limitations with space and smaller crowd sizes associated with the Winter Farmers’ Market venue, we are considering implementing the program on a more limited basis—perhaps monthly.

### **Brighton Complete Count Committee**

- Discussions are underway to identify what groups/populations/geographic areas may be at risk for undercount, and the Supervisor’s Office has been in contact with Susan Perry, who oversees the Rochester/Monroe Complete Count Committee, to ensure that we have both targeted and general outreach within our community.
- Our goal is to be extremely visible throughout Brighton and throughout this process. We will host a Census ambassador at the Brighton Farmers’ Market at least once during the outdoor season.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Beautification Committee Resignations/Appointments**

- The Beautification Committee is making the recommendation that Twelve Corners Park be a focal point of effort and presented proposals to the Community Services Committee to begin the process/lay out the next steps to accomplish aesthetic improvements to the park as a pilot component to its "Adopt a Beautification Site" program.
- The Beautification Committee is collecting information and developing a formal recommendation with regard to the structure of a potential "Adopt a Site" program that would allow for community volunteer efforts and donations to be collated to support improvements in identified area(s) of town, so the projects would be budget neutral to the town.
- BBC will put together the information they have gathered as it relates to the Adopt a Site program so that it can be shared with the Town Attorney for review and opinion.
- The Committee also had several recommendations to improve the health of plantings around the Twelve Corners Park Gazebo and inquired about the status of the Gazebo repairs.
- To improve efficacy, the Committee is requesting additional committee members be added to the committee, as some have resigned since the creation of the committee
- The Town will take a holistic look at the committee and make recommendation on how to best proceed.
- Discussion of Monroe Avenue GIGP maintenance and concerns about continuing upkeep.

#### **Brighton Opt-in to Rent Stabilization (Emergency Tenant Protection Act - ETPA): Robin Wilt**

- Ryan Acuff of the Citywide Tenants' Union and St. Joseph's House of Hospitality presented an overview of the ETPA, which was passed by both houses of the NYS Legislature in June, 2019.
- Local statistics regarding vacancy rates were reviewed and the potential implications of the legislation were discussed.
- The law represents an extension of the ETPA of 1974, but while previously the law had geographical restrictions limiting it to areas immediately surrounding NYC, currently over 40 local municipalities have opted in.
- The most recent manifestation of the law, what the threshold vacancy rates for implementation in Brighton and other communities would be, what the responsibilities of the implementing municipalities are versus the enforcement entity, as well as the type of housing to which it pertains, and what benefits the legislation provides for both tenants and landlords were discussed.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

##### **Brighton High School Homecoming Parade**

Brighton High School, 1150 Winton Road S.

Saturday, September 7th, 2019, 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm

##### **Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Document Shredding Event**

Brighton Highway Department, 1941 Elmwood Avenue

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

**Sensory Friendly Trick or Treating**

Brighton Town Hall Lobby

Friday, October 18th, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

**Fall Festival**

Brighton Town Hall Campus/Brighton Memorial Library

Saturday, October 19th, 10:00 – 11:30 am

**Halloween Happy House**

Buckland Farmhouse, 1341 Westfall Rd, Rochester, NY 14618

Friday, October 25th, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

**Haunted Grounds at the Buckland Farmhouse**

Buckland Farmhouse, 1341 Westfall Rd, Rochester, NY 14618

Friday, October 25th, 6:00 – 9:00 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***

September 18th, 2019

9:30 am: Brookside Recreation Center