



## Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

### MINUTES

**November 20, 2019**

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

**Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

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**PRESENT:** Robin Wilt, William Moehle, Christine Corrado, Susan Perry, Matt Beeman, Becky Cotter

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER** - 9:37 am

**OPEN FORUM**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 16, 2019 - Approved

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

**Park Issues: Matt Beeman**

- Parks Department staff is working on dismantling the playground at Meridian Centre Park, and signage has been posted to let the public know that the playground is closed until further notice.
- We anticipate that installation of the new equipment won't begin until after the threat of seasonal frost has diminished, and when the ground is thawed.
- In the potential extension of a new public/private partnership, REI has reached out to our Parks Superintendent regarding possible ongoing park projects for its employees to be involved in on a pro bono basis. The Parks staff is working with REI to develop a program that involves collaborating to maintain town trails.
- Highland Crossing Trail work underway (Update: has been completed) to repair the damaged portion of boardwalk after a recent wind event.
- Vigilant residents identified a patch of fragmite on the Brickyard Trail, which has since been removed and is being monitored to prevent further spread.
- The Parks Department is working with the Friends of the Brickyard Trail to develop a long term plan to combat and curb incursions of invasive species on not only the Brickyard Trail, but also in our remaining parks.
- Still working with Brichcrest to schedule the tree removal at Corbett's Glen, and we're happy to report that the bulk of the feedback regarding the trail fencing has been positive.

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

- Winter/Spring Brochure development is currently in process. Recreation staff has been engaged with the community to revamp program planning, and the Department is excited to implement its new, upcoming offerings.
- The Recreation Department's Annual Early Thanksgiving Lunch with the Brighton Seniors was a resounding success, with a delicious meal catered by Madeline's.
- Our Recreation Department School Recess Programs/camps still have limited enrollment available. Given the length of the winter recess this year, the program coordinators have mixed things up a bit, to include field trips and off-site activities to keep things interesting over the entirety of the break.
- This year's Basketball Leagues have started off with gusto, with all offerings being filled to capacity. We are grateful for the enthusiasm and popularity of the program, and we are fortunate to have several dedicated and experienced returning staff.
- The Buckland House Art Hanging System is being finalized, and will be ordered before the end of the year. We thank our docents for their assistance with the project.

### **Winter Farmers' Market Update**

- Work continues with Insite Architects, along with DPW staff and Farmers' Market Director, Sue Gardner Smith, on the selection of interior finishes for the Winter Farmers' Market, so that the bid documents can be finalized and formally issued.
- Meanwhile, internal work on the site, as well as site grading is ongoing. There is hope that we will be able to repurpose some salvaged materials from a shed that was taken down, as finish material for portions of the interior barn design.

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

- Converging on a plan to formally introduce itself to the town, and open its work up to community feedback.

### **Community Choice Aggregation Update**

- First meeting of three Community CCA information forums occurs this evening (11/20/19). (Update: first two have been extremely well-attended. All of the information will be eventually posted to the Town website. The last of these first set of forums will be held on December 3, at Rustic Village Apartments, Entertaining Room, East Squire Drive (across from Parking Lot 12.)
- Trying to implement consistent language and messaging to minimize confusion.

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

PACE Program Update: Christine Corrado

- Tabled until further notice.

Design Connect MOU Update: Christine Corrado

- On November 17, a link to a survey was distributed on social media for Complete Streets Makeover Design Connect-Monroe Avenue Makeover Project.
- With the help of the interns from Cornell, the project is on track, with an opportunity to see the final product in December that will involve a field trip to Ithaca.

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

- We are working on drafting a schedule for the Indoor Farmers' Market that will involve a more limited rotation (perhaps once per month) throughout the winter season.

### **Brighton Complete Count Committee (2020 Census) Update: Robin Wilt**

Special Guest: Susan Perry, Partnership Specialist, New York Regional Census Center Field Division, U.S. Census Bureau

#### PowerPoint presentation on Census 2020

- Brighton will be involved in making sure Complete Count is being supported locally in Brighton
- Messaging that the Census SAFE, EASY and IMPORTANT
  - Why is the Census Important:
    - Census is the largest statistical program in the US, with over 650,000 enumerators deployed nationwide. It's goal is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.
    - Census is conducted in the US every 10 years, of years ending in 0, since 1790.
    - As a national program that happens on the local level, the Census is important because it is used to determine the number of seats each state has in the US House of Representatives, defines Congressional legislative districts, and determines the allocation of billions of dollars of federal funding, as well as provides insight for governments & community planning at all jurisdictions.
    - Work has been underway since August, 2019, to verify addresses with municipalities, with a lot of work performed with the assistance of municipal DPW staff. Census workers have also already started knocking on doors to canvas and verify address and household information.
  - Why is the Census Easy:
    - This year's census will be the first digital census, but online will not be the only way to respond: there are phone surveys, paper surveys, online, and in-person options for taking part in the census.
    - The town is working to disseminate information that the census is happening, so the public knows what to expect in 2020.
    - If there's no response to the online, paper, phone options that is when the census worker will go door to door to try and gather information.
    - Census jobs are available, \$17 / hour, hiring now
    - Only way to apply is online, peak recruiting is going on right now
    - In March, counting begins, and by mid-March online response-taking starts.
    - April 1, 2020 will be Census Day: There will be public events to raise awareness of the ongoing census, and the fact that surveys should be completed.
    - Mid May – July Census workers go door to door to sweep up potential undercounted communities.
    - December 31, 2020 – Data Tabulation and Release Census Results
  - Why is the Census Safe:

- There are precautions taken to review and to confirm the legitimacy of census bureau surveys to avoid mis-tabulations.
- This is strictly a head count. The 2020 Census is safe, because private information is confidential is never published (including names and addresses), rather information is only released on a statistical level.
- Title 13 protects your personal information; and violation of this is taken seriously and carries significant penalties. Cyber Security is of the highest priority, and the utmost precaution is taken to preserve privacy.

**Brighton Opt in to Rent Stabilization (Emergency Tenant Protection Act – EPTA): Robin Wilt**

- Ongoing effort to obtain data, with the goal is to structure a plan for curbing displacement in the community, especially for the senior population

**Community Services Committee Website Update**

- Work in progress, hopefully have a draft available at the next meeting

**Mobile African American History Display Update**

- Hoping to have something tangible for MLK Jr. Day

**Territory Acknowledgment Update**

- Discussion are ongoing with Town Attorney on this topic
- We are also in the process of engaging community stakeholders, in particular, the indigenous community ,to ensure that if implemented, any such acknowledgment will be respectful and meaningful.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Draft Schedule for Community Services Committee Meetings in 2020**

- To be approved at the January 2, 2020 Organizational Meeting

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Monroe Community Power CCA and Community Solar Public Information Meeting**

Legacy at Clover and Blossom, 100 McAuley Drive  
Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Monroe Community Power CCA and Community Solar Public Information Meeting**

Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue  
Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Monroe Community Power CCA and Community Solar Public Information Meeting**

Rustic Village Apartments Entertaining Center, East Squire Drive (across from Parking Lot 12)  
Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Veterans' Appreciation Luncheon**

Brighton Town Park, Carmen Clarke Lodge, 777 Westfall Road  
Friday, December 6th, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Friday with Frosty**

Brighton Town Park, Carmen Clarke Lodge, 777 Westfall Road  
Friday, December 6th, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**Brighton Recreation Open House/Farmers' Market Cabin Fever**

Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road  
Sunday, January 26th, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**NEXT MEETING:**

***Wednesday***

December 18th, 2019

9:30 am: Brookside Recreation Center

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