



## Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

### **MINUTES**

**December 18, 2019**

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

**Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

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**PRESENT:** Sue Gardner Smith, Christine Corrado, William Moehle, Robin Wilt, Matt Beeman, Rebecca Cotter

### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

9:41 am

### **OPEN FORUM**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

November 20, 2019

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### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Dated December 15, 2019, from Dee Burdett: RE: Holiday Decorations

### **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

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

- Repair work on Twelve Corners Gazebo was completed just in advance of third week in December, and seasonal lighting was installed on the Gazebo. The project ran a bit late, due to circumstances unforeseen by the town with the lone vendor that responded through the bid process.
- Parks staff is working with Friends of the Brickyard Trail on a plan to address the invasive species on the trail, but also on a process for addressing invasive species that can be applied to all of the parks and trails in Brighton.
- Matt Beeman, Superintendent of Parks, has spoken to other Towns on how they handle invasive species, but no neighboring towns have a policy to specifically address the issue. In his benchmarking, Matt did learn that no Town is using herbicides or pesticides in the control of invasive species, so Brighton is not an outlier, in that regard.
- Meridian Centre Park Playground equipment has been delivered, and is in storage at Brighton Highway Department until it can be installed.
- Staff encountered a drainage issue at Meridian Centre Park. Phragmites and Cattails had blocked up the catch basin drainage to the retention pond, flooding an area near the tennis courts. Vegetation was cleared out and the water was successfully run off to the retention pond.

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**Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter**

- Winter/Spring Programs have been finalized, brochures will be mailed to Brighton Residents beginning the week of December 16-20.
- Recreation Department will be doing more promotion of our aquatic programs and open community swim times for 2020
- Planning has begun for Cabin Fever, Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> We are excited for another great event this year!
- The final punch list item on Phase 1 of the Winter Farmers' Market-- an ongoing issue with the Winter Farmers Market Door--should be resolved early in 2020. Recreation staff has met on site with the contractor and door vendor to come up with a solution to the door not opening smoothly.
- Part time seasonal titles and roles for Recreation Department positions will be reviewed early in 2020 due to changes made in the Civil Service process.
- Brighton Believes Council is soliciting new members and has issued a mailing using the BCSD Community Leaders lists in order to rejuvenate involvement. The Council is also rolling out the "Brighton Believers" award to acknowledge community members and students who exemplify the character traits of Brighton Believes. Brighton Believers Award information can be found on the BCSD Website: <https://www.bcsd.org/Page/684> . You may submit nominations throughout the year, but selections for the current year will be made on February 6, 2020.

**Winter Farmers' Market Update**

- Bid documents have being finalized and the town hopes to go out to bid for Phase 2 in January, 2020.
- Town staff are working to develop site plans for the area, featuring an entrance opposite Avalon, and a crosswalk across Westfall connecting the Brickyard Trail.

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

- December meeting was cancelled to allow the community to come to terms with a loss.
- Next meeting is January 9, 2020 at 5:30 PM.
- In February the group is slated to host a community meeting to share information.

**Beautification Committee Update**

- Lighting installed in the Twelve Corners Gazebo and discussion of beginning a lighting ceremony similar to other communities.
- Discussion of condition of fire hydrants around the community
- Group will work on documenting the hydrants in need of attention so that a list can be shared with whomever maintains hydrants
- Discussion of the group membership and catching up on minutes and agendas.

**Community Choice Aggregation Update**

- First round of 3 community forums have been conducted, with approximately 20 people in attendance at each forum.

- We received feedback and are discussing the presentation and potential evolution of the content to reflect areas for improvement for future presentations. It was agreed that more presentations and outreach are needed to reach a larger portion of the community.

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

- PACE Program Update: Christine Corrado - Tabled until next meeting
- Design Connect MOU Update: Christine Corrado - Tabled until next meeting

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

- Susan Perry, Partnership Specialist with the US Census Bureau's made a 2020 Census presentation that was well-received at Brighton Believes Council, in which she spoke on the direct impact of school funding for the future.
- She will also be making a presentation to Brighton PTSA.

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

- Since the legislation only applies to rental units of 6 and more, I will be meeting with Sue Wentworth, our Town Assessor to determine how many properties this may involve
- Age of building/when it was constructed also is a determining factor.
- Concerns with who the law targets and the impacts it will have on property owners

#### **Community Services Committee Website Update**

- Setting up a meeting with Barb Snyderman to discuss and implement changes to the website
- Hope to streamline the page information, providing links to projects currently in progress.

#### **Mobile African American History Display Update**

- Work continues with Mary Jo Lanphear, CURB and community member to get panels designed

#### **Territory Acknowledgment Update**

- Consulted with Kathy Castania and Ronnie Pollack of the Indigenous Peoples Day Task Force.
- They will attend the next Community Services Committee Meeting to elaborate on their support.

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

- Schedule reviewed and no problems noted.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Annual Update on Brighton Farmers' Market: Sue Gardner Smith**

- News is all great, as it was a wonderful season with big crowds and good weather!
- Vendors are very pleased with how the Summer Market went. Positive feedback from all vendors.
- A lot of relationship and community building takes place at the market. A majority of the special events are in conjunction with Town Departments and community organizations that support the market's success. The market has evolved as one of the main ways for the Town and public service agencies to engage with the community.

- Due to the good weather, we were able to host all of the our traditional special events throughout the summer.
- Musicians add greatly to the feel of the market, and are supported by tips from market goers and donations from the vendors.
- We maintain ongoing partnerships with Color Brighton Green and Brighton Food Cupboard.
- If we had to highlight any ongoing concerns, they would involve: Parking, Construction and capital improvement scheduling, attendant pedestrian and traffic Safety, and Sporting Events scheduled at the High School.
- We've experienced parking concerns, in general, in particular during sporting events, so in the future, we will be working with Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church to allow for additional overflow parking for the summer market.
- Wants to do a better job of promoting how supporting a local farmers market is environmentally friendly.
- Discussion of an incentive program to encourage people to ride bikes or walk to the market, and to promote other modes of transportation other than driving.
- Council Member on your Corner will be featured on a more limited basis during the Winter Market, with a focus on returning on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Cabin Fever.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **Cabin Fever**

Brookside Recreation Center

Sunday, January 26, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Direct Sales Vendors, Brighton Wardrobe Sale, Winter Farmers Market, Recreation Department Open for Registration!

### **Brighton Annual Clean Sweep**

Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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

Brighton Highway Department, 1941 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

### **Semi-Annual DEA Pharmaceutical Take-Back Event**

Brighton Town Hall, Public Safety Wing, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

TBD

## **NEXT MEETING:**

### ***Wednesday***

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

9:30 am: Brookside Recreation Center