



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

MINUTES

February 20, 2020

Location: Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

PRESENT: Bill Moehle , Robin Wilt, Mary Jo Lanphear, Matt Beeman, Rebecca Cotter

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

9:43 am

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 15, 2020

WM/RW

COMMUNICATIONS

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- The Parks Department has been occupied performing upgrades to park buildings.
- Floors have been refinished at Brighton Town Park and the oil tank has been removed to prepare for the transition to a propane heating system. In addition, the back deck and stairs have been rebuilt
- Buckland Park Lodge floors are currently being re-done, and a Scissor Lift has been rented to perform a thorough cleaning of the beams, lights, fans, and other elevated areas.
- In an effort to improve sustainability, all lodge bulbs are being updated to LED to reduce the frequency of replacement and increase energy efficiency.
- Buckland House touch ups being done—the walls are being repaired, painted, and art wall-hanging system installed
- As the weather allows, the Twelve Corners Gazebo work that commenced in the late Fall will be finished, and painting will occur later this spring.

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- There is an Office Clerk III Civil Service employment opportunity available in the Brighton Recreation Department. Canvass letters have been distributed to eligible candidates, with minimal responses. Interviews are planned for next week.

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- Winter/Spring programming is ongoing, with registration proceeding apace.
- The Department is currently focused on Summer programming planning and hiring, concert series planning, and concert series sponsorships
- The Recreation Senior program transportation provider, Brighton Transportation, has been acquired through sale by a new owner/operator. We have secured a new contract and the carrier is doing a great job!
- Buckland House Docent Program is looking forward to the completion of the touch-up work being performed by the parks crew on the Historic Buckland House.

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- There will be a Public Meeting Scheduled on Thursday March 19th, at the Brighton Town Hall, 4:00 – 7:00 pm to garner public feedback on the proposed site changes.
- Project has not gone out to public bid yet, as we are awaiting additional public input.

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Committee Update

- Two Idea World Cafés scheduled:
- **Session 1:** April 16, 2020 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- **Session 2:** April 25, 2020 from 10:30-1:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Buckland Lodge, 1341 Westfall Rd.

Beautification Committee Update: Robin

Letter of Resignation from Dee Burdette dated February 14, 2020

- Status of committee discussed in light of the most recent resignation.
- The remaining committee members are working to ensure that the records-keeping requirements are being fulfilled and that the mission of a holistic approach to beautifying the community is reflected in its recommendations for programming and

Community Choice Aggregation Update

- Work continues on contract finalization with Joule Assets, our selected CCA Administrator.
- In the meantime, we discussed maximizing community outreach and raising awareness of the forthcoming CCA implementation.

Brighton Safe Streets for All Update

PACE Program Update: Christine Corrado

Design Connect MOU Update: Christine Corrado

Councilmember on Your Corner Update

- Will resume in the Spring, with the outdoor season.

Brighton Complete Count Committee (2020 Census) Update

- The 2020 Census is in full swing!

- A complete count for Brighton will ensue that we can take advantage of all of the critical funding for which our community is eligible.
- There are ambassadors in our communities who continue to raise awareness about how you can take part in the census. In particular, if you are someone who spends time out-of-state this time of year to avoid the weather, make sure that you complete your census for the area where you spend most of your time.
- By the time we celebrate on April 1, 2020, we hope that most everyone will have already participated online, or by phone, or in person.

Brighton Opt in to Rent Stabilization (Emergency Tenant Protection Act – EPTA)

- Tabled, and removed from the agenda for the time being.

Community Services Committee Website Update

- Simplified format to align better with the format of other committee websites.
- Working with Barb Snyderman and Bridget Monroe to implement the needed updates.

Mobile African American History Display Update

- Designer/Artist identified to design the mobile display boards for the Town.
- Working with the Town Historian to clarify any connections that Frederick Douglass may have to Brighton.

Territory Acknowledgment Update

- Ongoing conversations Ronnie Pollack of the Native American Cultural Center to identify a potential spring date for an event to meaningfully roll out the practice of Territory Acknowledgment in Brighton.
- Considering a program that has significant tie-in to the Council Rock

NEW BUSINESS

Disavowal of Restrictive Covenants

- Discussions among Town staff regarding how to proceed with disavowing the restrictive covenants within existing deeds without otherwise affecting the chain of title.
- The goal is to develop a blanket disavowal clause to that would renounce any and all racial, ethnic and religious restrictive covenants included on any existing deeds in Brighton. It would not have any legal binding force (as the restrictive covenants are already unenforceable), but it would represent a significant symbolic acknowledgment of the values of the community.
- We will look to work with the County and ensue that Title Companies are consulted as we consider how to take action on this.

GFL AWMA (Genesee Finger Lakes Air & Waste Management Assoc.) Earth Day Grant Application

- **Deadline:** March 2, 2020
- Worked with Town Engineer, Evert Garcia, and Commissioner of Public Works, Mike Guyon, to complete the application for this grant that will award up to \$750 to increase environmental

education through projects that promote: 1) environmental awareness and consciousness, and 2) the development of technical knowledge and skills and sustainable environmental practices.

- Clean Sweep has previously been the recipient of awards under this grant program.

Town Historian's Report from Mary Jo Lanphear

- Attached report of 2019 activities was reviewed and discussed.
- Highlights include: Details about the requests for information that are fielded by the Historian's Office:
 - About 100 received in 2019, mostly via e-mail, phone, and office drop-ins. Some of the more interesting included:
 - A request for information re: the Erie Canal in Brighton for the Empire State Trailhead project
 - Was there a gas station at Bronx Drive and East River Road? (Yes)
 - The ghosts of Brighton for a BHS student
 - A picture of the Roma Barber Shop at Clover Lanes
 - The origin of Buckland Creek
 - The origin of the Brighton Little League's Ward Riley award, 1984-1994.
- Talks and Public Programs (8)
 - What's in the Attic at Buckland house, March 24
 - Kodakids for Women's Club of Webster (Feb. 21), Postcard Club (May 6), Women's Club of Rochester (Nov. 19)
 - Brickyard Trail walk, June 2
 - History of Buckland house for Genealogy Round Table, June 8
 - Brighton Cemetery Walk, October 20
 - History of Brighton for St. John's Meadows, October 23
 - Tour of Rose Lawn with Matt Bashore for its centennial, September 22
 - History of Twelve Corners at Buckland house, November 17
- Publications (11)
 - Seven articles for the Historic Brighton Journal: Caple's Tavern, May Riley Smith; the Bricks of Brighton, Henry J. Peck; Fighting a Fire at the Twelve Corners; Education at the Twelve Corners, and the Centennial of the New York State Historians' Law.
 - Four articles for Brighton Connections: Historians in New York State; Brighton Schools, Corbett's Glen; and the Twelve Corners
- Provided Reports on ten homes for the Brighton Historic Preservation Commission
- Collaborations:
 - Worked in Collaboration with Councilmember Robin Wilt and CURB (Community Uprooting Racism in Brighton) on an exhibit of Brighton's African American residents.
 - Worked with Matt Bashore to sort and retain some of Louise Novros' records
 - Worked with Becky Cotter on the Buckland house docent program and joined her to meet with Brighton Rotary about funding for a hanging system at the house and train six docents for Buckland House, March 12 and April 11
 - Prepared a report on the Barnes Mill millstones for Jennifer Reis-Taggart of Brighton Memorial Library
 - Found information on a trenching machine located in Corbett's Glen for Matt Beeman.

- Found information on the New York Central Auburn Line for David Marcus
- Conducted the following Meetings and Workshops (5):
 - Meeting of public and academic historians at SUNY Geneseo, February 16
 - Monroe County Historian's meetings, April 10 and October 9
 - Genealogy conference sponsored by the Rochester Genealogical Society, April 27
 - Archival preservation workshop at Genesee Country Museum, November 16

Clean Sweep 2020

- **Saturday, May 9, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**
- All preparations are in progress for Clean Sweep 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bunny Bash

Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road

Friday, March 27th, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Semi-Annual DEA Pharmaceutical Take-Back Event

Brighton Town Hall, Public Safety Wing, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, April 25th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Brighton Annual Clean Sweep

Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, May 9th, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Secure Document Shredding Event

Brighton Highway Department, 1941 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, May 16th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday

March 18th, 2020

9:30 am: Brookside Recreation Center