



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

MINUTES

January 15, 2025

Location: Brookside Recreation Center, Multipurpose Room, 1666 Winton Rd S.

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

PRESENT: William Moehle, Robin Wilt, Christine Corrado, Matt Beeman, Rebecca Cotter, Miriam Moore Nicholas Wilt

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

10:18 am

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OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CC, WM

December 20th, 2024

COMMUNICATIONS

12-11-25: From Dr. Kate Donovan, RE: Brighton's Environmental Impact

- Communication has been shared with the Highway Department for comment, as well.
- Within the context of the Parks Department, there was discussion of communication with neighbors and the extent of the use of gas-powered leaf blowers, as well as possible conversion to electric from gas blowers.
- Discussion of altering language of purchasing/procurement policies to provide for more sustainable purchasing choices, overall.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- Department is engaged with ongoing snow removal and salting
 - A newly acquired salter that was part of budgeted expenditures was installed on one of the existing department trucks, allowing it to be used to salt both the Buckland Lodge and Winter Farmers' Market parking lots

- In other ongoing maintenance items, Caccamise Electric is looking at some electrical equipment in need of repair at Buckland Park. That project is still underway.
- As of January 10th, there is a full-time opening in the Parks Department and although the recruitment process to fill the position is underway, practically speaking, it will take time to fill it, given the constraints of the position, so the department may be shorthanded into the Spring.
 - Parks Superintendent discussed the likely schedule that the vacant position will entail and qualifications needed
 - It is a non-competitive position, so there is no civil service list associated with hiring
- Follow Up Discussion regarding a proposed Tree Nursery to supply replacement trees in the case of town tree removals
 - Fencing for the nursery has been budgeted for the fiscal year
 - Recommendation made by Parks Superintendent, in coordination with George Smith of the Conservation Board, to place the tree nursery on the far end of the Community Garden near the Pole Barn. The site would have ready access to water via the Community Garden
 - Our Recreation Director will speak to the Coordinator of the Community Garden to make them aware of the potential fencing project
 - Discussion of synergies between the Garden and the Tree Nursery, parking at the Market Barn, and the need for connectivity to those sites.

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- The Recreation Department attended the BCSD Summer Camp Activities Fair on January 8th and was able to connect with many families regarding its summer camp and current program offerings
- Summer camp planning underway. Camp registration for Brighton Residents will begin on Tuesday, March 18th
- Winter/Spring Program Registration began earlier this month for residents and non-residents, alike, and is going well.
- For one particular popular program-- the AARP Volunteer Tax Prep offering--appointments are being made until the sessions are full. While a Brighton Recreation offering, this class is physically located at the Spiegel Community Recreation & Community Center in Pittsford. Full details are online at www.townofbrighton.org/rec
- Instructor contracts are being renewed for the new year.
- Brickyard Trail Art Exhibition planning underway. Opening on Saturday, March 8
- 2025 Community Bike Ride Programming
 - There is an anticipated budget of \$280 / ride, as chaperoned by Reconnect Rochester. Last year, 2 rides were sponsored by community members, 1 was underwritten by the Recreation Dept.
 - Exploring the Town's ability to provide an insurance rider to alleviate the fee
 - Possibility of scheduling for 4 rides for the Town of Brighton, to take place during the summer to fall time frame

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- Loss of Petite Poutine will be impactful for the Summer Market, as this was a popular and staple offering.
- However, while the opportunity of one vendor sunsets, we are pleased to welcome the addition of Amazing Grains as a new offering at the Market
- Attendance continues to remain strong at the Winter Market, despite our frigid temperatures
- Parking appears to be adequate, at this point, with the addition of the gravel lot

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Board Update: Miriam Moore

- Discussion of Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Program honoree, Dr. Ruth Holland Scott, honored guests and speakers, and musical performances
 - In particular, we were happy to highlight the participation of student speakers from BHS, TCMS, Our Lady of Mercy
- Comprehensive planning for the IDEA Board for 2025 is underway
- February will celebrate Black History Month
- Discussion of the Town Talk Series that will kick off in March on Tuesday evenings
- Rochester Monroe Anti Poverty Initiative (RMAPI) Policy Agenda Discussion and how its mission intersected with the Town of Brighton's IDEA Plan
 - Discussion of Pro Housing Initiative and what metrics will need to be documented for the Town's designation
- Possibility for IDEA Board and possibly staff to be involved in a service project around MLK Day, more to follow

CEC Community Priority Actions/Sustainability Funds Update

- EECBG revised application (switching from voucher to standard grant program) has been submitted and we are awaiting final approval.
- Annual report of SOC is being compiled
- All NYSERDA solar and roofing projects are underway. There has been a slight delay in roof installations
- Discussion of establishing a revolving sustainability fund to warehouse the funds for our projects, given our success in securing grant funding for our sustainability efforts.

Pollinator Pathway Challenge Update

- No update this month
- Discussion of changing agenda item to Conservation Board Update vs. Pollinator Pathway update

Town of Brighton Annual Clean Sweep and Recycling Events Updates

- Clean Sweep is scheduled for Saturday May 17th
- Permit submitted to Monroe County, Facility request into ESU – awaiting confirmation, then sponsor information will go out
- Discussion of recycling event dates, vendors, "big truck" and location at BHWY
 - Saturday, May 3rd – may conflict with opening day of Brighton Little League

Beyond Pesticides Program for Monroe County and Codifying Town's policy on pesticide usage

- Rika Gopinath from Beyond Pesticides would like to set up a meeting with Matt Beeman to see the potential to pilot the Town's policy for the County.

Potential Inventory of Eagle Scout Projects

- Discussion of past practice and future projects
- Park Superintendent Matt Beeman will be the contact person for interested Eagle Scouts.

Town Updates to the Public

- Discussion of a Town wide communication apps that may be compatible with the current website platform
 - There is a possibility that such a communication app could be a budget item in the future, but it was noted that any communications platform will be labor-intensive
 - Discussion of Communications position for the Town

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of memorial requests and where to direct inquiries
 - Direct requests to the Supervisors office

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration

Brighton Town Hall @ESU, 680 Westfall Road
 Friday, January 17th, 12:00 noon

Brickyard Trail Art Exhibition

Historic Buckland House
 Saturday and Sundays, March 8th- 9th, 15th-16th, 22nd-23rd, and 29th-30th, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Tuesday Town Talks

Brighton Town Hall @ESU, 680 Westfall Road
 Tuesday, March 11th, 18th, and 25th, 6:30 pm

DEA Semi-Annual Pharmaceutical Take Back

Brighton Town Hall Public Safety Wing, 2300 Elmwood Avenue
 Saturday, April 26th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Secure Document Shredding Event

Brighton Highway Department Parking Lot, 1941 Elmwood Avenue
 Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Brighton Clean Sweep

Brighton Town Hall, Location TBD
 Saturday, May 17th, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday**

February 20th, 2025

10:00 am (or immediately following Finance and Administrative Services Committee meeting): Brighton Recreation Center, 1666 Winton Road S.)

**Please note change in day.