



## Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

### **MINUTES**

**February 20, 2025**

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

**Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

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

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 10:04 am**

**OPEN FORUM**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**WM, RW**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion to amend agenda item on January minutes. WM, RW

Minutes updated.

Minutes Approved: **WM, RW**

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

**Park Issues: Matt Beeman**

- The staff continues their efforts to keep up with snow removal, plowing and salting
- Parks staff is being thoughtful and sensible with salt applications, due to ongoing salt shortages in the region.
- The hiring process for a vacant full-time position within the Parks Department is underway, with screening taking place this week. Interviews will begin next week to hire for the position, with an anticipated April start date.
- Annual facility maintenance is underway, including waxing the floors at Brookside Recreation Center, and flooring rejuvenation at Carmen Clark Lodge.
- Field use requests have been coming in already for the Spring/Summer, harbingering a busy athletic season.
- Discussion of electric contracting company to replace light fixtures and who holds the county contract for service.
- Parks staff is implementing routine equipment maintenance to prepare for warmer weather and lawn and field upkeep.

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**Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter**

- February Break Week camps are going well and are at capacity this week
- Taylor Swift Party is Friday, and it remains a very popular program with participants and staff, alike, with everyone involved donning their favorite eras gear!
- Summer Camp and summer program planning is underway, with Summer Camp registration for Brighton Residents beginning on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The camp registration process is being updated to allow the necessary information to be collected digitally at the time of registration instead of on paper, after acceptance. As such, registrants should be aware that they should set aside more time to complete the online application than traditionally expected. The system will not allow progress to be saved.
- In anticipation of construction at Brighton High School, conversations regarding the Summer of 2026 Farmers' Market planning are ongoing.
- Brickyard Trail Art Exhibition entries are now being accepted. Opening on Saturday, March 8, with doors opening at 10:00 AM, and official ceremonies and public addresses taking place at 12:00 noon.
- Discussion of facility concerns at Brookside.
- Discussion of Senior/Youth Congregate program planning and implementation.

**Winter Farmers' Market Update**

- See New Business for Market Annual Report

**Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Board Update:**

- The Black History Month fireside chat between Dr. Tomicka Wagstaff and Chief Diversity Officer Miriam Moore was outstanding, as was the rendition of the Black National Anthem delivered by Ms. Pamela Mensah.
- Discussion of possibly trying a different time for the celebration to try to increase participation, acknowledging that youth participation is easier during the daytime hours.
- Work also continues on developing the Tuesday Town Talks series for March.

**Sustainability Oversight Committee Update**

- Progress has been slow with solar installations as a result of roofing delays.
- The annual report for the SOC has been reviewed and should be ready for presentation to the Town Board soon.

**Conservation Board Update**

- Pollinator Pathway push will begin this spring
- Discussion of an interactive map being created to highlight the number of sites taking the challenge and increase overall awareness.

**Town of Brighton Annual Clean Sweep and Recycling Events Updates**

- Location for Clean Sweep has been secured: it will be at the temporary location for Town Hall at SUNY Empire. All relevant permits have been procured.
- Plans ongoing

- Semi-Annual Recycling event will be on the same day as Brighton Little League opening

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

- Matt is reviewing information on this program, but is in touch with Rika Gopinath, the Community Policy and Action Manager at Beyond Pesticides
- There will be particular emphasis on sustainable means for addressing invasive species

### **Potential Inventory of Eagle Scout Projects**

- Matt, our Parks Superintendent, is maintaining the list and has it ready. He will coordinate with Department of Public Works, as necessary.

### **Town Updates to the Public**

- Continuing to explore.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Annual Report for Brighton Farmers' Market: Sue Gardner Smith**

- 2024 was another record year for the Market: both in terms of record attendance, and vendor success.
- Parking concerns are ongoing, with a greater number of BCSD athletic events scheduled during Market hours, generating higher demand for parking.
- SNAP sales have more than doubled from the prior year, with the market witnessing over \$14,000 in sales, then doubled due to the SNAP bonus program.
- Plans for 2025 outdoor market are being developed, meanwhile, the Winter Market is going extremely well. There are concerns with vendors running out of some of their fresh products, but we are looking forward to some early crops coming on as spring approaches, bolstering the availability of fresh produce.
- There will be potential impacts to the outdoor market in 2025, with some construction at BHS scheduled in the back corner by door #20. That will require some shifts with the Market layout to accommodate the changes in traffic patterns and parking
- Working on getting the Westfall Site ready for 2026 Summer Market due to construction at BHS, and we are currently exploring options for layout.
- Our Market Supervisor, is investigating Agricultural and Market Grant funding available for projects up to \$50,000.
- Working on scheduling special event dates for 2025. Juneteenth program will be on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>
- We will continue efforts to bring in diverse community groups to the market, and do outreach to various school club/groups for participation in various events.
- Discussion of safety concerns relating community-wide events at the market, and having strategies and safety plans in place to keep everyone safe
- Discussion of Food Trucks and finding a suitable replacement for Poutine

### **Arbor Day Activities**

- Arbor Day Plans – Conservation Board has approved the tree order; Matt Beeman, Our Parks Superintendent, has begun planning for a Tree Nursery to help inventory right-of-way trees for replacement.
- Arbor Day, Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **Brickyard Trail Art Exhibition**

Historic Buckland House, 1341 Westfall Road

Saturday and Sundays, March 8<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Opening Remarks : Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon

### **Tuesday Town Talks**

Brighton Town Hall SUNY Empire State, 680 Westfall Road

Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> LGBTQIA+ “Truth Vs. Tolerance” and March 25<sup>th</sup>, (Dis)Abilities, “Unsilencing the D”, 5:30 pm

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

Brighton Town Hall Public Safety Wing, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

### **Brighton Clean Sweep**

Brighton Town Hall, SUNY Empire State, 680 Westfall Road

Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## **NEXT MEETING:**

### **Wednesday**

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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