



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

MINUTES

March 19, 2025

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

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

PRESENT:

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

10:06

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve agenda with corrected date

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 20th, 2025

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COMMUNICATIONS

March 10th, 2025, from Julie Damerell, RE: Refuse Districts

(Will be discussed in Public Works)

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- With the recent spate of nice weather, parks have been busy
 - Even though chillier temperatures have returned, we want to remind the public that the variable weather necessitates that water remain shut off in the parks
 - Water will get turned on May 1st, when we can be reasonably certain that we won't experience a freeze that will endanger pipes and other infrastructure.
- A job acceptance letter and materials were issued to our prospective full-time hire.
 - The candidate will start on April 7th
- Unfortunately, the additional position that was recommended and approved remains vacant

- Simply adding the position, however, has improved morale within the Parks Department and has prompted a review of scheduling and structure to best meet the needs of the community
- Superintendent is working on everything from 4th of July planning to adding irrigation infrastructure to specific Parks locations
- The Department is anticipating that the Tree Nursery will be completed by Arbor Day
 - Fencing around the Nursery will be installed on April 25th
 - The Director of the Community Garden will be notified of the ongoing work, so that Community Garden subscribers are aware of the limited disruption.
- Restoring trail where flooding has occurred along trails in Buckland Park

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- Registration for residents for summer camp began on March 18th
 - We achieved a record for revenue received in one day during the first day of registration (\$54,000)
 - We're happy to report that people were able to smoothly navigate the new registration process requiring increased information
- Registration for Winter/Spring is also going strong
- Department, as has been its practice, has been sensitive to pricing, and prides itself on the provision of flexible, affordable, and high-quality childcare options.
- Director is currently lining up performances and sponsors for the Summer Concert Series
- Spring programming continues to be well-attended.
 - Brighton Seniors St. Patrick's Day Party had wonderful turnout, with about 25 people in attendance for games, music and Irish Dancing by Rochester Academy of Irish Dance
 - Brickyard Trail Art Exhibition will wrap up this weekend. Over 300 people came through the door during the first two weekends
 - SPRINGO went great and Hoops with Heroes had about 40 people registered
- RFP for Food Service related to the Monroe County Congregate Programming Grants is being reviewed by counsel

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- The Indoor Market season will be concluding on April 13th, and we will be transitioning to outdoors on April 27th
- The Farmers' Market Director and Recreation Director continue to develop a plan to address placement of the Outdoor Market in 2026
- The Brighton Central School District will be starting their construction in the parking lot area in January, 2026, which is ahead of the schedule initially anticipated, necessitating a longer period of dislocation and flexibility in planning.

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Board Update: Miriam Moore

- Tuesday Town Talks have been extremely well attended and a tremendous success overall.
- AAPI Heritage Month Programming is underway

- IDEA Board meeting will host Aqua Porter and Rebekah Mayer at its March meeting, to learn more about RMAPI's housing initiatives and how they might intersect with the IDEA Plan's goals and the IDEA Board's advisory mission.
- There is a new potential Board appointee who will be interviewed next week.

Sustainability Oversight Committee Update

- The Committee's Annual Report will be submitted to the Town Board for its meeting on the fourth Wednesday in April.
 - The committee was awaiting the Benchmarking Report numbers, which extend through March.
- In update to CEC projects: roofing is underway at the 3 sites. Hoping that solar installation is completed by the end of April.
- Learned from John Necroto, Assistant Project Manager at NYSERDA (NY Energy Research and Development Agency) that the Clean Energy Community program will continue to exist in some incarnation after fiscal year 2025, but it will likely be under the auspices of the NYS DEC. Many of the decisions will be made during NYS Budget session.
- Will invite a speaker to update the Committee on the state of IRA and IJA funding claw backs for next month, to see if there are sign-on letters or letters of support that can be offered to municipalities.

Conservation Board Update

- Annual Report will be submitted to the Town Board imminently
- Tree Nursery is well underway
- Arbor Day celebration will involve ribbon cutting of Nursery, etc.
- Pollinator Pathway will be looking at draft marketing pieces for its annual launch.

Town of Brighton Annual Clean Sweep and Recycling Events Updates

- Details noted in the upcoming events
- In-kind and Monetary Donation letters have gone out for Clean Sweep. We thank our returning and new sponsors!
- Met with Mitch Nellis regarding planting at FRES, and he is coordinating with FRES groundskeeping staff for tree-planting by TCMS participants
- Recycling collection events are set for Saturday, May 3rd.

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

- Matt met with Rika Gopinath, the Community Policy and Action Manager at Beyond Pesticides regarding sustainable means for addressing invasive species

Town Updates to the Public

- Discussions about creating a site similar to the one hosted by Monroe County for community members to opt into communications from the Town of Brighton.

NEW BUSINESS

Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan/Vision Zero

- Will alert the Public Works Department to the potential for grant opportunities.

Community Bike Rides

- Community Bike Rides will begin for the 2025 Season on Friday, May 16th (additional dates being investigated are Friday, July 10th and Friday, September 11th)
- The first ride this season will be sponsored by Brighton Town Council Member Christine Corrado
- Letters seeking additional sponsorship will be issued in April.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Brickyard Trail Art Exhibition

Historic Buckland House, 1341 Westfall Road

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

Opening Remarks: Saturday, March 8th at 12:00 noon

Tuesday Town Talks

Brighton Town Hall SUNY Empire State, 680 Westfall Road (on March 11th and 18th); Carmen Clark Lodge, 777 Westfall Road (on March 25th).

Tuesday, March 11th, 18th, and 25th, 6:30 pm

Arbor Day Celebration

Tree Nursery at Buckland Park

Saturday, April 26th, Time TBD

DEA Semi-Annual Pharmaceutical Take Back

Brighton Town Hall @ Empire State University, 680 Westfall Road

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, SUNY Empire State, 680 Westfall Road

Saturday, May 17th, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Community Bike Ride

Friday, May 16th, 2025 (with dates anticipated in July and September, as well.)

Free, but registration is required.

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday

April 16th, 2025

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