



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson
Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

MINUTES

July 16, 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, Miriam Moore, Matt Beeman, Rebecca Cotter

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

10:05 am

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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June 18th, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Parks Update: Matt Beeman

- Discussion of 4th of July event, strong (similar to pre-COVID) participation numbers were reported for the 5K. Meridian Centre Park event went well. Increased number of food vendors was well received and kept lines manageable. Everything went smoothly.
 - Discussion of Buckland Park unscheduled activities being an area of concern during the 4th of July event.
 - Discussion of staffing, specifically with the need to split resources of police officers and park staff between Meridian and other parks
 - Discussion of ideas to make the bounce attractions more affordable for larger families, in particular.
 - Discussion of shade, given the higher temperatures of the past few years and the potential for some sort of hydration/cooling station/mister

- With 4th of July activities concluded and vegetation growth slowing somewhat, parks staff is shifting focus more to trail maintenance, particularly at Corbett's Glen, in the near term. Ongoing efforts to connect with CSX to address bridge and railing maintenance issues.
- Discussion of Brighton Town Park trail connector from parking lot to paved portion of the trail
- Park staffing and shifts have become more manageable, particularly with PTO requests, with the addition of a full-time laborer.
- Discussion of solar panel installations on various park buildings and better coordination, given special events, camps and rentals

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- Camps are underway and going very well. We are fortunate again to have a strong staff this year. Flexibility is one of the hallmarks of our summer camp offerings, and there are still a few spaces remaining for last minute camper sign ups in our Preschool, Council Rock and TCMS Summer Playground Camp. Don't miss out, get your kids registered today!
- The Summer Concert Series is off to a great start, and we are looking forward to the remainder of the series—especially with the addition of a food vendor for the series!
- Brighton Community Bike Rides are going great! We had another strong showing in the July ride. The addition of interpreting services for welcoming remarks is a good addition to the program.
- Discussion of staffing – Specifically of the hiring and recruitment for Full Time Recreation Leader Position
- Discussion of the polling site at the Winter Farmer's Market Barn, particularly with regard to Early Voting and how it intersects with programming.
- Food cupboard/recycling events/promotion – Discussion of possibilities and possible alternate locations for the recycling events to move to due to traffic congestion related to these events
- Discussion of NYS BRICKS Grant kick off of earlier in the week. Notification of awards is November 1.
- Discussion of Feasibility Study and Community Center Needs Assessment Report and presentation.
- Alternate location for Summer 2026 Summer Farmers Market discussed

Farmers' Market/Community Garden/Tree Nursery Update

- Tree nursery update discussion: Additional spigot installed through the Community Garden for the tree nursery
- Coordination with the Parks and Highway Departments to get trees moved into parks and the community when they are big enough
- Discussion of tree ambassador program

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Board Update: Miriam Moore

- Juneteenth and Pride Trivia with the Brighton Seniors programming went very well. Seniors were very engaged.
- Inclusive Summer Camp Training with the Recreation Department Staff was very well received and included conversations about making everyone feeling welcome and fostering a welcoming atmosphere in light of neurodiversity among campers

- Townwide Pride celebration and flag unfurling proceeded smoothly. As usual, it was a joyful event.
- Pride Parade on Saturday, July 19th. Town of Brighton contingent was strong.
- The Town Talk Series earlier in the year was successful, and will be looking to repeat it again in the 4th quarter. Discussion of topics is underway
- IDEA Board meeting this week, where the membership continued to discuss topics.
- Given the dire need, potential ongoing partnership with Rochester Refugee Resettlement was discussed

Sustainability Oversight Committee Update

- July meeting moved to Tuesday, July 22nd.
- Draft CIP is in process and will be the focus of the July meeting
- Looking at the site map for Town Hall and Monroe County and NYS DOT projects and determining best ways in which the Complete Streets Policy, Climate Action Plan, Bike/Walk Brighton Plan, and Comprehensive Plan goals can be achieved therein.
- Staying informed on the NYSERDA grant implementation of solar and geothermal projects
- Discussion of ICLEI Climate Communities and how it may be a means to keep abreast of additional grant opportunities, given the sunsetting of the current implementation of CEC grants through NYSERDA

Conservation Board Update

- Continue to promote the tree nursery and the Pollinator Pathway Project

Town of Brighton Annual Clean Sweep and Recycling Events Updates

- Sunday, October 26, 2025, is the proposed date for the next semi-annual recycling event
- It's always a bit more challenging getting the electronic recycling vendor to commit to a Sunday.

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

- Discussion of the Monroe County Program and how it can integrate in the Town's existing policy
- Discussion of soil testing to look at soil biology which will help to build a more resilient field
- Overseeding, aerating, topdressing with organic material to better equip the grass to outcompete the weeds
- More to follow, particularly with regard to invasive species management in the parks and along the trails

Town Updates to the Public and Town Website Updates

- Tabled

Councilmember on Your Corner - 2025

- Connections still not made with staff on anticipated topics
- Discussion of topics, anticipated start in August

NEW BUSINESS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bands at Buckland Summer Concert Series

Buckland Park, 1341 Westfall Rd.

Tuesdays, July 8 – August 12, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Join us weekly for our free summer concert series at Buckland Park.

Full schedule available online!

ROC PRIDE Parade

Intersection of South Avenue and Science Parkway (ends at Highland Park)

Saturday, July 19th, 11:00 am

Mighty Motors - Brighton Highway Department Open House

Brighton Highway Department, 1941 Elmwood Avenue

Thursday, August 21, 2025, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm (4:30 – 5:00 pm Sensory Friendly Option)

Come meet the machines that help keep our community clean, safe and beautiful. With parent participation, children will have the chance to explore all different types of vehicles. This is an open house style event, so stop in anytime during the event window!

Community Bike Ride

Friday, September 12th, 2025, 6:30 pm

Free, but registration is required.

www.townofbrighton.org/rec

DEA Prescription Drug Takeback Event

Brighton Town Hall @ Empire State University, 680 Westfall Road

Saturday, October 25, 2025, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Secure Document Shredding Event

Brighton Highway Department Parking Lot, 1941 Elmwood Avenue

Sunday, October 26, 2025, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday

August 20th, 2025

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