

Notes from

June 15, 2016

Comprehensive Plan Update Committee

**Present:** Joann Rogers, Donna Beretta, Kris Monzel, Liz and Ron Smith, Carla Jordan, Cat Cohen, Sandra Riker

**Excused:** Justin Steinbach, Dave Parsons

**Also Present:** Bob Green

**The committee looks at the results from the survey presented at Bristol Fun Day:**

1. Are you a resident-5 said yes, 3 said no
2. See Bristol as-
  - a. Growing
  - b. Providing home town atmosphere
  - c. Place for multi-generation can live
  - d. Change in government
  - e. Sustaining current level of traffic & standard of living while opening up to hospitality type businesses
  - f. To remain rural
  - g. Need to attract small scale industry and businesses compatible to the town
3. Want from the Town-
  - a. Country living
  - b. Safety, support, educational & recreational opportunities
  - c. Clean air and beautiful landscapes
  - d. No fracking
  - e. Finding business to fill the Eagle Mountain facility
  - f. Consider wind and solar energy alternatives
  - g. Providing a sense of belonging
  - h. Government without intrusion
  - i. More services like library & fire department
4. Future information delivered via electronic or paper- 2 said electronically, 6 said paper

Many people took the handout to guide them to the survey on line through survey monkey. We do not have the feedback from that information at this time.

### **Pet Projects continued from previous meetings:**

#### **Town of Bristol**

#### **Comprehensive Planning Committee**

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### **Identified Issues/ “Pet Projects”**

The committee members brainstormed a list of ideas and projects that they had in mind coming into the planning process – ideas for either moving forward with our planning, or for the betterment of Bristol. The purpose of the brainstorming is to both A) share our initial thoughts with each other, and “put our cards on the table,” as well as to B) help us capture and put aside our subjective lenses on the community so that we may focus on the data and issues more objectively. We will revisit each of these ideas, as they come up later in the topical areas of our planning, and may add to the list from time to time if it seems appropriate.

- Community non-profit (to implement projects, fund raise, volunteer)
- Implementation committee (for this plan)
- Re-do zoning to be more user-friendly
- Always have tax rates in mind
- Hiking trails, for residents and visitors
- Be pro-active on water resources and repairs
- Open communications
  - With residents, during planning
  - With each other
  - On-going in the town: annual get-together event, open house
- Create an environmental/green committee to share info on renewable energy and green practices, do community projects, host speakers, and advise on an on-going basis for the Town Boards and residents
- Encourage small businesses
  - Need to fill Green Mountain facility
  - More biz like Parsons
  - Home businesses
- Seniors
  - Affordable, downsized housing in Bristol
  - Services for supports to stay in home; bus; nurses

- Volunteer drivers
- Home repairs
- Central Call-In for info on repair people, plumbers, etc.
- Coordinate with Boy Scouts
- Find right blend of agriculture, scenery with IT/technology – for attracting new biz, but also for moving the town forward
- Encourage specific types of small/home businesses that need, such as hair dressers
- We need to understand what home businesses are here
- Focus on energy
  - Grant project to help homeowners with weatherization, renewable energy assessments and installation
  - In 5-10 years, pursue a community micro-grid – since can't get grant to reduce taxes, this would help residents and businesses offset that cost
  - Regarding solar and other production for use in Rochester, etc.: let them produce it there over landfills or parking lots
- Create a fund for purchasing priority conservation easements
- Develop a “scenic byway” corridor through Bristol for tourists on their way to Bristol Mountain, Naples, wineries – develop reasons for them to want to drive this route, and to stop and spend some money
  - Hiking, biking trails
  - Public restrooms
  - Maybe work with DEC to upgrade Stid Hill offerings
  - Public art
- Build stronger relationships to area colleges for help with specific projects to help build capacities or do research and planning needed
- (I forgot to add this during our meeting!) Limit light pollution, so we can continue to be a place where you can see the stars

Carla Jordan commented that the County is seeing a lot of HUD housing in Geneva and Canandaigua but unfortunately Bristol does not lend itself to walkable services for assisted living

- Create the right blend of agriculture with rural community and more home based businesses
  - Improve cell services
  - Attract new business
  - Permit registration of home businesses
- Energy

- Investigate grants from NYSERDA for homeowners to get energy audits for alternative energy sources
- Create a micro-grid project through net metering
  - Seems to be a mixed feeling on this one
- Scenic By way
  - Develop artist trails
  - Create stopping points
  - Connect into the Finger Lakes Trail system

**Overview of the current Comprehensive Plan:** The Committee looked at the first four sections four and will continue on at the next meeting. When we have completed the whole document I will share their findings with result for possible changes needed, not needed, etc.

Kris provided the group with a list of data for possible review at the next meeting and asked the group to respond to her via email in a timely fashion to put together the agenda for the June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Joann Rogers said she will not be able to attend that meeting.

Upcoming meetings:

June 29<sup>th</sup> regular time in the Town Hall

July 20<sup>th</sup> 6 to 9 pm in the Town Hall

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> regular time in the Town Hall to plan for a Community Meeting

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> time to be determined possible Community Open Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Riker*

***With the addition of the revised list of "Pet Projects" the group accepted the notes for addition to the Town Webpage.***