

Notes from

November 2, 2016

Comprehensive Plan Update Committee

To Do List

*Sandra: Post minutes from
October 5, 2016 to Town
Webpage*

*Add results from October 26th
Community Meeting to webpage*

*Minutes of November 2nd for
Group Review*

Present: Liz and Ron Smith, Cat Cohen, Justin Steinbach, Sandra Riker, Donna Beretta, Carla Jordan and Bob Green

Excused: Kris Monzel, Joann Rogers, and David Parsons

Notes: The notes of October 5th were okay to post as written.

October 26th Community Meeting: Approximately 40 people attended the Community Meeting held at the Bristol Volunteer Fire Hall on State Route 64. Bob Green opened the meeting by greeting our visitors and introducing the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Justin Steinbach then took over and did a power point presentation for the group assembled. He provided them with some information regarding considerations for the Town and the need for a Comprehensive Plan and why it needs to be updated periodically. The group then broke into smaller groups and the committee members headed their discussion with regard to three questions:

1. ***What do you value most in the town?***
2. ***What are the biggest issues facing Bristol today?***
3. ***What would make Bristol better than it is today?***

The results to those questions are attached at the end of this report. They will be useful for the group to address goals and actions in the updated Comp Plan.

Review of the Existing Comprehensive Plan:

Where the Plan states no action taken to present, no longer should current be addressed.

Section 1-Conservation, Open Space, and Environmental Protection

- Section 1.2 Status additional lands are being acquired for Patriot Park

Section 2-Community Character

- Section 2.3-Scenic Vistas a mini grant has been applied for through the Ontario County Water Resources Council to have Dr. Bruce Gilman to create a valuable land use tool through land use/cover data. We should know the results of this by the end of the year.

Section 3-Agriculture

- This entire section needs to be updated and revamped.

Section 4-Growth Management

- Several areas need updating and tweaking.

Section 5-Economic Development

- Many areas need updating as some of the resources are no longer available or visible for the Town's use.

Section 6-Tourism

- Under 6.2 A question was raised as to why the Town should research Watkins Glen and Ellicottville as possible models for the Town to follow: Why not towns of similar size and resources?
- A lot of work can be done on this whole section.

Section 7-Parks and Recreation

Lots of areas to be updated and revamped.

Section 8- Transportation and Infrastructure

- 8.3 Fiber optic does exist on Route 64 and the Town should do what it can to help facilitate businesses to be able to take advantage of this service.
- More action to better internet connections for the Town.

Section 9-Housing

- Work to update this section
- Suggest goals and actions to provide better housing opportunities to Seniors and Low Income Families

Section 10- Cultural, Social and historical preservation

- Update with new goals and actions

Add a section to provide with goals and actions regarding Renewable Energy.

It was agreed by the Group present that the existing plan has some good points and it would be good for this group to expand on those areas as well as some new thoughts to provide a fresh updated look to the Comprehensive Plan for Bristol.

December Meeting- It was agreed to move the December meeting to the 14th as at least three of group are not available for the meeting previously scheduled for the 7th.

This meeting was then adjourned,
respectfully submitted,

Sandra Riker
Bristol Planning and Zoning Secretary

Bristol Comprehensive Plan	
Community Event Oct. 26, 2016	
What do you value most in the Town?	
Group	Response
Group 1	Small Town - Rural Nature
Group 1	Beauty - pretty in the Fall
Group 1	Lib + F.D. Close by - Park
Group 1	Cluster of good businesses
Group 1	Retreat From City
Group 1	Library
Group 2	Rural Character - nature - freedom to do what want
Group 2	Feeling Safe
Group 2	Small Town atmosphere - know everybody, less people, privacy
Group 2	Close to Cndga
Group 2	Convenient to services
Group 2	Quiet
Group 2	Dark at night - can see stars
Group 2	wildlife - diversity
Group 3	Rural Feel (country living)
Group 3	Open space
Group 3	Space & quiet
Group 3	Privacy / Library / Park
Group 3	People know each other (Small-town community)
Group 3	Pristine landscape / no interference from neighbors
Group 3	Clean air/wildlife & all of the above <u>No</u> large polluting industries
Group 4	Sense of Community
Group 4	Potential of anything
Group 4	Geographics
Group 4	Beauty
Group 4	Peace & Quiet
Group 4	Low traffic
Group 4	Nature privacy
Group 4	Recreational Activities
Group 4	Ag Factor
Group 5	Soenic
Group 5	Local small business
Group 5	Park
Group 5	Sense of Community
Group 5	Library
Group 5	Fire Dept.
Group 5	Agriculture
Group 5	No waiting
Group 5	Limited Traffic
Group 5	Spacious lots
Group 5	Good school districts

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Community Event Oct. 26, 2016		
What are the biggest issues facing Bristol today?		
Group	Topic	Response
Group 1		Lack of water (Public)
Group 1		Ambulance Service - Volunteer
Group 1		Lack of Revenue
Group 1		Internet - Availability - Reliability
Group 1		Possibility of Fracking, Wind Turbines in Bristol
Group 1		Traffic on Rt. 64 - Paving - 8.
Group 1		General Store
Group 1		Playground
Group 2		Fear of over development, or any development - keeping it small
Group 2		need large acreage for new houses
Group 2		how to keep taxes down and have \$ for town
Group 2		If no dev., our taxes go up _> so need balance
Group 2		Don't want sprawl
Group 2		Aging population
Group 2		Younger people want smaller acreage
Group 2		No real center of town - need to dev.
Group 2		water, wells, sewer
Group 2		Internet
Group 2		gas/electric - cell coverage - TV & radio coverage
Group 2		Rte 64 is more a detriment
Group 3		Tax base
Group 3		Financial support of Library & Fire Dept.
Group 3		Keeping what we have in the face of progress
Group 3		maintaining a balance rural / tax base
Group 3		Infrastructure
Group 3		Ensuring protective zoning laws
Group 4		Suburban Sprawl (Sprawl)
Group 4		Control of town cost for services
Group 4		maintain a small school district
Group 4		Keep heavy industry out
Group 5		Lack of tax base
Group 5		How to invite scale of business - compatible w/character
Group 5		Lack of infrastructure
Group 5		Connectivity - network
Group 5		Maintenance of existing infrastructure
Group 5		Scenic vistas maintained
Group 5		
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What would make our Town even better than it is today?																			
Group	Response	No. of Stickers	Business	Character	Tourism	Environment	Infrastructure	Renewable Energy	Parks & Recreation	Eagle Mountain	Internet Access	Vistas	Zoning	Agriculture	Grants & Funding				
3, page 2	Protect rural character	16		16															
3, page 2	Protect environment	10				10													
3, page 4	Encourage small business w/ low impact	10	10																
4	Town efficiency / shared services	9					9												
3, page 4	Maintain/lower taxes -> low impact economic development	9	9																
3, page 1	How can we draw upon traffic of Rte 64 - Artisans - farm markets i.e Ithaca Brewery-micro / winery	8	8		8														
1	Better Internet/Broadband service	7									7								
5	Solar / wind farms - renewable energy	7						7											
1	Maintain our vistas	6										6							
1	Increase public lands, parks, recreational - fat tire trails	6							6										
4	Eagle Mountain re-use	6	6							6									
1	Improve Infrastructure - water, sewer, etc. Nat gas	5					5												
1	Encourage Business - "Chamber of Commerce"	5	5																
1	Renewable energy promotion	5						5											
3, page 2	Not allow fracking	5				5													
1	Eagle Mt - Bus. Co-op? Artists, etc.	4	4							4									
4	Improve relationship with town and residents	4		4															
1	Increase tourism appeal to bring small businesses & visitors	3	3		3														
2	Need year - round Biz - higher population (local)	3	3																
5	Reflect historical value of town	3																	
5	High speed Internet	3									3								
3, page 2	Grants - research/apply	3																	3
4	Foster growth to assets (Ag - Recreation)	3	3		3				3						3				
3, page 4	Review zoning laws - protection of the town	3												3					
2	Generate income w/ small biz - No big box , Dollar General - light industry ? community solar ?	2	2																
3, page 2	Town Board - to encourage Businesses - Green Energy	2	2					2											
5	Historical tourism	1			1														
5	Town zoning to accommodate small business	1	1											1					
5	Eliminate zoning	1												1					
4	Hiking Trails	1								1									
4	Mennonite farmers encouragement	1	1												1				
3, page 4	How to attract small business	1	1																
1	Attract Millenials	0																	
2	Pathway to other places - S. Bristol, Naples,	0																	
2	Synergy of biz - complement each other - shows, cafe, etc.	0	0																
2	Resolve issues of Rte 64	0																	
2	Accommodate, encourage hiking, biking	0							0										
2	More senior Services, Housing	0																	
5	Town park needs more shade	0							0										
5	Expansion of the park	0							0										
5	Tourism associated w/ small business	0	0																
3, page 2	State Funding / Support	0																	
3, page 2	Tourism	0			0														
3, page 2	Be proactive (not reactive) - select & encourage business WE want	0	0																
3, page 2	Want community survey /community outreach	0																	
Total		153	58	20	15	15	14	14	10	10	10	6	5	4					3