

## Notes from

December 6, 2017

### Comprehensive Plan Update Committee

**Present:** Sharon Lilla, Nicole Cleary, Carla Jordan, Ron & Liz Smith, Donna Beretta, Dave Parsons, Kris Monzel, Cat Cohen, Joann Rogers and Sandra Riker

**Absent:** Justin Steinbach and Bob Green

#### 1. Project Update:

##### **Recreational Resources:**

##### **Objective A-Enhance Town Parks and recreation opportunities for the residents and visitors**

Carla suggested we should add an action item for a Parks Master Plan.

David suggested an action item regarding lighting for the park be included in view of the recent problems with crimes being commented in the park after closing hours, Kris said she would hope that it be considered to be dark sky compliant.

*Action Item RRS-4 Identify local natural features in the existing parks, such as tree species or geological elements, to incorporate an educational component and expand the potential of the parks as an outdoor learning area for local schools and community organizations.*

Carla suggested the Ontario County Planning be added to the Potential Partners as they could provide signage that would be consistent with areas of the County where this concept is being utilized.

##### **Objective B-Collaborate with adjacent communities and other stakeholders to develop additional opportunities for expanding parks and recreation**

Kris suggested adding an action item to inquire if the 4- H Camp on Kear Road would provide a time for residents to use the pool for swimming. Carla pointed out there would be a very limited time frame available to provide this kind of service but she would be willing to ask Tim Davis, Camp Director if it would be possible. There is also a liability issue involved.

##### **Objective C-Establish Active Transportation Opportunities**

### To Do List

Sub-committees continue on topics and develop policy framework

Sub-committees provide drafts of already completed work to both Base Camp and Sharon for review prior to next meeting

Next Meeting: January 17, 2018

Future meetings time will be 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

**Action Item RRS-x:** *Examine alternative avenues for walking/hiking trails and paths in the Town including utility corridors, right of ways, and abandoned roads-This is problematic in this involves going through private property and the rights of property owners should be considered and not everyone will be open to having others using their land and the liability it creates for the property owner*

**Objective D-Encourage a variety of programs and recreational resources to Promote active and healthy lifestyles**

**Action Item RRS-x:** *Engage with neighboring school districts on expanding summer and sports programs for students within their District at a reduced cost rather than having to pay an “out of town” cost to participate. Liz suggested including home school children as well. Carla mentioned that the Town of Canandaigua does not allow the “home school” children to participate in activities at the school. It was suggested that we check with all four school districts that Bristol participates with on the # of home school children are from the Town of Bristol.*

2. Continue Review of Draft Policy Framework Documents

Community Character, Facilities, and Services (CFS)

**Objective A-Promote and support Bristol’s cultural, social and historical organizations should be added to either Objective B-Continue preservation of historically significant sites or Objective C-Ensure that the Bristol Library can continue to meet the needs of residents.** Agreed Objective A and C should be combined. This could give the Library a stronger position as being considered one of the municipal buildings along with the Fire Department, Town Hall, and Town Garages under the “All Hazard Mitigation Plan” that is recognized by FEMA enabling them for grant funding and being identified as a critical facility.

*Action Item CFS-2 Provide and or coordinate common space for organizations to use for meetings and special events, as well as for safe storage (e.g. of historical documents and artifacts), and promote the sharing of resources such as video equipment and digitization equipment and related software. This statement needs to be broken apart into two sections.*

**Objective E-Ensure town government efficiency and inter-municipal & regional cooperation**

*CFS18-Main agenda topics should be listed separately; "other business" should be reserved for minor and/or routine matters that can be quickly dealt with.* Kris felt that the agenda should include any resolution that may be on the agenda and included background information for the resolution. Sharon said she is uncomfortable in telling a Board how to write their agendas.

Due to time constraint and additional comments from Justin that have not been included everyone is being asked to read this at home and comment either in Basecamp or email to Cat prior to the next meeting.

**Microgrids:**

Kris said she would like to see the Town of Bristol try to get a grant for a feasibility study to determine if a Microgrid system could provide an alternative revenue source for the town. She stressed three areas she would be addressing in her vision:

1. What it looks like
2. How is it organized
3. What are the objectives or hopes to accomplish

The center of the microgrid could be the critical facilities of the Town as recognized by FEMA, the primary buildings being the Town Hall, Fire Hall, Town Garages and possibly the Library. The next step would be to have multiple connectors in other areas of the Town and these could be connected by the use of Solar, Wind and Geothermal. She suggested this idea could go under the infrastructure heading in the Updated Comprehensive Plan, stressing this would be a great way to promote Green Technology and have the Town be able to support its own utilities.

The organization would be accomplished by using local contractors to build the system and it would be locally owned as well, technology courses could be offered through FLCC in how to build, maintain and operate such a system.

Once built the system could sell its energy into the "grid" thereby providing a revenue source for the Town. She is sure the property values in the town would be increased by use of the grid system comparing it to Fairport having its own electric company. Another benefit of the system is that in the case of a severe weather event the microgrid could disconnect from the "grid" and be able to sustain on its own power with the use of battery backups. Any excess revenue could be put toward the cost of operating and maintaining the system.

The next meeting will be on January 17, 2018 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Riker*

Secretary to Planning and ZBA Boards

