

Town of Canandaigua

5440 Routes 5 & 20 West
Canandaigua, New York 14424

MINUTES **CITIZENS' IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018, 9:00 A.M.

Committee Members Present: Sarah Reynolds
Doug Finch
Eric Cooper
Gary Davis
Ray Henry
Tom Schwarz
Oksana Fuller
Joyce Marthaller
Kevin Reynolds
Tom Schwartz
Pat Venezia

Members Absent: Kelly LaVoie

- **CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting commenced at 9:10 am
- **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**
None at this time.
- **REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**
None at this time
- **REFERRALS**
None at this time.
- **OLD BUSINESS**
None at this time.
- **NEW BUSINESS**

Sarah Reynolds opened the meeting and asked if everyone had received the email she sent yesterday regarding this meeting. Sarah and Gary Davis had a Complete Streets meeting last week (4/11/18). They have gotten to the point where it is beginning to slow down enough to start talking

about next year.

Gary: “For a few months now in meetings, we have been discussing with Jim Fletcher what the Highway Department will be doing on the roads. He (Gary) said they gave reasons why they feel the streets need to be wider. Other pathways for other parts for the Town for Nott Rd. From Rte. 21 to Middle Cheshire Road, first new water main. Separate pathway like on Chesire to accommodate walkers.

Uptown – waiting for answers to come back before suggesting improvements to that part of Town.

North Road – New water lines are going in because of low pressure. Farmington is willing to help out place a pathway over the top when they are done.

Sarah: A few months ago, I sent out a survey to the residents on North Road. Most of the residents said they would like to see sidewalks.

Wells Curtis Road – From County Rd. 16 to Middle Cheshire \$350,000, according to Jim Fletcher. Doug Finch pointed out that it’s a change from the original. Jim took off some of the paving and move some of the roads around.

Gary: The Complete Streets Committee asks Jim, he tells them, and then takes a couple out, i.e., Acorn Hill. Tough time plowing; other roads are built and curves are put in to slow down traffic. Utilities, sewer, etc., were going to be on the left side, but because of the utilities, now they are going to tie in with Lakewood Meadows. RG&E or NYSEG said the Town would be responsible for a half million dollars. They are now talking about repaving, not other improvements.

The concern on Middle Cheshire Rd. for some time now is that the pathway has not been completed.

Sarah: Everyone’s been frustrated. The Complete Streets Committee took a vote on the issue.

Gary: Motion says they are going to ask for monies from the Town Board to make it a complete street from Middle Cheshire Rd. to the trail.

Gary: Quite a few people said it’s lacking from the bypass to get to the Town via bikes, etc.

Doug: Timeline on Middle Cheshire?

Sarah: Kevin Reynolds said to try to put it in the budget for 2019.

Doug: Are you working on getting proposals?

Doug: Need information by July for the June 10th Town Board meeting. Window starts in July when department heads have to start putting in requests.

Sarah: Second motion that was smaller – In the interim, that Middle Cheshire Road be re-stripped, bike lanes – not official, but will provide a bigger/wider area and on both sides of the road.

Kevin: Still hope design standards will get to completed form.

Tom: One worthwhile thing is property value and lack of walkability indexes. If you make the corridor, we increase the walkability of the entire corridor. We should get more tax money.

Doug: Walkability index – Has Complete Streets talked about this?

Gary: No. County Road 16 – said they will let Doug and others handle that.

Tom: Re: County 16 study, people are concerned about losing some of their front lawns and about German Brothers.

Oksana Fuller: We interviewed Barton & Loguidice for the Uptown Study.

The engineer was at the meeting last night. People were looking for solutions, but he just provided an outline. Maintenance of sidewalks dedicated to the Town in the developments. The people responsible for them are the HOAs, but for the first ones built there were no HOAs. Very few people take care of the walking path. This is an issue. As the density increases, the Town will have to take the responsibility or the landowner will be responsible for taking care of them.

Joyce Marthaller: Maybe the conversation will really get going when we have the Uptown Study. The big take-away from last night is that the County is looking at it from an accounting perspective and not an engineering perspective. The grant was from the County.

Oksana: I went online and took a survey, but it was not that comprehensive. GTC is very specific with these grants.

In the town of Canandaigua, County Road 16, drainage is a problem, with the County not doing anything with the culverts.

Doug: They will have to do everything together. You can't piece-meal this.

Gary: Are there any plans for the culverts?

Doug: The original plan was to do the culverts in 2018.

Kevin: The Drainage Committee asked them to take a step back and look at them. Many were not designed well because drainage areas were not what they thought. Kevin Olvaney said it could cost \$1,000,000 to repair/replace them. It would be better to put the money toward the upland areas to reduce the amount of H₂O getting to County Rd. 16. Burkholder was in last week complaining that it has not been fixed.

Kevin: Getting culverts where they need to be. There are sewer issues and tough engineering issues to deal with.

Doug: Storms are now strong, impervious.

Tom: Burkholder is plowing his rows so his run-off flows south and east into Mink's property. Until it gets seeded, there will be more mud going down there. It's going diagonally, so dumping somewhere else.

Kevin: Buffer zones?

Doug: The State Cover Crop Program – Farms can get so much seed plowed to go along with the contours.

Sarah: Soil Health Workshop is coming up – Cover Crop.

Gary: Most are farms in the Town. The AG Committee is pretty aware of the situation, and will try to maintain the land wherever they can. Farmers are aware and are trying to protect the lake. There have been complaints about the strong odor from the manure.

Doug – Canandaigua City School District Superintendent Jamie Farr is on board with Blue Zones. The City is complete with sidewalks. The Town needs to get going with North Road.

Sarah: It keeps getting put off.

Doug: David DeGear is willing to put in whatever we want. They are waiting for us to tell them what the restoration is going to be.

Sarah: We all agreed to wait to see what Bergman says with their study.

Doug: We need to start planning now; we just keep talking about it. As part of Farmington Restoration, they will pay for some of it.

Sarah: If we decide a sidewalk is the most appropriate pathway, is there a way to get help from the City or Farmington?

Doug: I doubt they will want a concrete sidewalk on top of the water line. Are there various kinds of concrete?

Tom: Everyone agrees North Rd. is a priority.

Kevin: How do we move it forward?

Doug: The section from Rte. 332 to (Tim Horton's) County Rd. 28 to Mohawk – I see no reason why we cannot get started on that. I don't know the exact cost; we need to get the engineer's approval for which type of pathway.

Doug: Phased approach. The school district would really like 35 mph speed limits extended to the new field; many students are riding their bikes. TAP Grants – we might be able to get a little more.

Kevin: At the next Complete Streets meeting, get approval from the Town Board to follow through with TAPG.

Sarah: Uptown – I sent an email; the next Steering Committee meeting is May 7th, at 1:00. The next public meeting would be sometime after that – sometime in June, at one of the parks, Blue Heron or Outhouse. I will send invitations and follow up. The last meeting was very poorly attended.

Gary: I would like to see that the Complete Streets Committee be kept in the loop, i.e., like Farmington putting in the line.

Doug: The water line was put in last summer up to Mohawk.

Gary: Better communication is needed between the Complete Streets Committee and Jim Fletcher when these things are happening.

Doug: Invite Farmington Water to come to the meeting.

Sarah: Open Space – At the meeting Barb came to, we talked about how the Town Board would probably want to see something ahead of time. We've asked for comments, thoughts, and ideas. The comments were very few. They were sent to Barb.

Joyce: We think Barb is waiting for us to tell her what to do.

Doug: I'm not sure we are ready for Open Space to be presented/discussed at the Joint Meeting on May 21st. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony, as well.

Kevin: Will the facility be big enough for the accommodations we need? I will talk to the Town Board.

Joyce: Doug, Did you receive the strategies?

Doug: Yes. I had a lot of comments. Is there another Open Space meeting coming up?

Tom: My understanding is the ball is back in Barb's court to take the comments and come up with a semi-final draft. Have a conversation with her to see what the status is and if she will have it ready by May 21st.

Eric: I think this is a big enough issue to merit having its own meeting.

Doug: What if we back it up and have an Open Space Meeting at 4:00 that day? Invite Committee and Board members.

Joyce: I'm not sure how many people could make it at that time.

Kevin: Can the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony be moved back?

Sarah: Could the Board and Committee meetings be separate? We need to talk to Barb.

Doug: Tom and Joyce, Do you feel the Open Space Project is pretty much complete?

Tom and Joyce: Yes.

Sarah: Who is the responsible party for implementing the Open Space Plan? Is it the ECB?

Joyce: Yes. The ECB process is similar to the CIC process. We recommend which goals we would like to implement within the next coming year.

Doug: The 'meat and potatoes' portion is done; funding still needs to be figured out.

Joyce: ECB's focus – We would have to rely on the Finance Committee to support us.

Oksana: The money for Open Space has to be worked into our budget.

Tom: This is a culmination of our fulfillment of a plan that has been in the works for 20 years. Some money may come from taxes. We could pass a bond. We could provide the framework; it would be up to the Town Board to make a commitment.

Joyce: Doug, what are your thoughts on the New Forest Preservation area?

Doug: I like it very much. PRC has not referred anything to the AG Committee in four (4) months. The AG Committee needs a little bit of life breathed into it.

Tom: Action steps or implementation steps? Like they did in Penfield and Bethlehem – specific conservation exemption, like the AG exemption.

Doug: Local Law Ordinance Committee.

Joyce: Are you saying there should be other elements to the Code? The Ordinance Committee could come up with this.

Kevin: Do we need a local ordinance? Authorization for the exemption, i.e., assessed value at \$100,000; an exemption could bring the assessment down to \$65,000.

Tom: Ranked parcels. We need a commitment, a buy-in. We have had surveys where owners have expressed interest, but are concerned about cost (also taxes), fees for conservation easements. The ECB will fill the function of the CIC with the Comprehensive Plan. It would say "Next year in our Plan, we think we can accomplish 3 – 5 goals in the Plan, then we either do the work or have a sub-committee do it.

Sarah: Could the existing Open Space Team members do it?

Tom: The Town Board could appoint a new committee like the AG Advisory Committee.

Doug: I'm wondering if we can re-purpose – Conservation Committee that is AG Committee Comprehensive Plan and Open Space Plan.

Oksana: What about TDRs? Are we going to appoint a committee?

Doug: I'm not sure if there is enough support from the Town Board; it's a very mixed bag. I don't think the TDR Plan will ever come about. Anything we do to implement the TDR Program is going to make it more restrictive for the developers.

Oksana: What about inviting developers? We talked about this; Is that something we could do?

Doug: Yes.

Oksana: Could we do it in July? There's no point in going through the whole process and establishing a committee without knowing if developers would be interested in TDRs.

Eric: MUO should be a counter-balance to Open Space. Density is a tool to preserving Open Space.

Tom: It would be a disincentive to the developer if we charge them more. MUO – Cannot convince the Town Board. You can build anything you want.

1. Put restrictions on the MUO zoning.
2. Another set of criteria you would have to buy into.

Joyce: We're trying to direct the developer to the MUO so it reflects the flavor of the Town.

Someone said that Victor increased their Parks and Recreation fee to \$5,000.

Kevin: Open Space fee? MUO development. Are other towns doing the same thing (disincentives, fees, etc.)?

Oksana: Should the Economic Development Team have a meeting with the developers or will we scare them to death?

Doug: I'm a little concerned about that. Look at TDRs after the Feasibility Study.

Joyce: Approving a TDR program will take a long time.

Eric: Open Space – To cover the interim period, could we put a sunset timeframe into place – a date set in the future for reauthorization?

Kevin: The Town Board could say, "Are you otherwise protecting Open Space?" Is there enough consensus in this room to have staff work on the concepts? Or should it come from someplace else?

Doug: We can bring back a proposal. Everyone likes fees, as opposed to TDR.

Sarah: Are we saying we're not going to look into anything further with the TDRs?

Joyce: Not at this time. Should we send something to the Town Board?

Doug: The EC and I will work on some fees and come back to this.

➤ **MEMBERS' REPORTS**

None at this time.

➤ **UPCOMING MEETING TOPICS**

May 1st – Drainage Committee progress report.

May 15th – Group Concept Mapping project report.

➤ **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:00