

Notes from

February 27, 2017

Comprehensive Plan Update Committee

Present: Ron Smith, Cat Cohen, Justin Steinbach, Sandra Riker, Donna Beretta, Joann Rogers, Dave Parson, Carla Jordan, Liz Smith, and Kris Monzel

Absent: Bob Green

Minutes: January 18, 2017 minutes were reviewed and approved for posting to Town Webpage.

Vision Statement Revision: Original..

Preserve and encourage a clean, naturally beautiful, rural environment with carefully planned commercial development, aesthetically pleasing, controlled residential growth, and increased recreational opportunities, while encouraging the preservation of agricultural lands.

Proposed...

The Town of Bristol boasts a naturally beautiful environment with rolling hills, woodlands, and scenic views. The community will continue to work to preserve our environment and natural features, support agriculture and businesses, and build

upon our local and regional recreational resources. Bristol seeks to capitalize on its assets by encouraging responsibly planned economic development that enhances the rural character and heritage of the community, ensuring its sustainability for residents and visitors alike.

The proposed version for the Vision Statement was accepted by the group for the 1st draft of updated plan.

Bristol Secrets:

Written by Cat Cohen-

The Town of Bristol is nestled in the Bristol Hills which are visible all the way from Rochester, 35 miles away. It is a scenic, bucolic location treasured equally by those whose families have lived here for many generations and those who have joined the community more recently. Farmland, woods, ponds, streams, abundant wildlife—they all form part of a unique, peaceful setting, enjoyed by residents and visitors.

The town itself is historic, with a beautiful town hall and library located across from Levi Corser Memorial Park, where people meet on a summer's eve and kids play baseball or soccer. In June our traditional "Fun Day" is celebrated here, with folk music, arts and crafts booths, a library book sale, an antique car and tractor show, a silent auction, a chicken barbecue put on by the Volunteer Fire Department, and pies sold by the ladies of Harmony Circle—a philanthropic organization. It is an event that showcases the strengths and bonds of our community.

Bristol's residents are lucky to call this place home.

To Do List

All: Continue to work on Sections 1-2 of rough draft

Sign up for group participation of topics

Kris to share sample of structure the housing committee is following with the rest of the group

Next meeting March 15, 2017 new time 6:45 pm to 8:15 pm at the Library

With regard to this statement the comment was made that perhaps the library and town hall should be noted as historic and not necessarily beautiful. The building that is now the town hall was originally an entertainment facility where dinners, dances, plays, etc. were held. It did not become the town hall until somewhere in the 1920s and prior to that the Grange Hall on Baptist Hill was where the town meetings were held along with earlier town meetings being held in taverns, inns and sometimes in homes of the Town leaders.

The group has questions that they hope the Assessor can answer for them with regard to:

- Agricultural Assessment information
- Housing data such as the breakdown of housing values and how many homes are in each category

Demographics and Maps: Carla shared with the group the maps Terry Saxby of County Planning has prepared for the demographic and maps portion of the updated plan. The group commented they would like to see one of the maps to include the water district location and where the RG&E substations are located.

Group formation: Kris mentioned she would like to see at least 3 people assigned to each of the sections the group has chosen to address first in the updated plan. Justin has suggested the groups follow the format of developing a statement for each section and continue to formulate it with priorities and objectives. Kris said that is not the direction her housing group has been using but starting with goals then objectives and policy items. The group agreed it would be beneficial to have a sample of structure that they should use to deal with each section. Justin and Kris indicated they could provide the group with that information. It was suggested the group could look at the Town of Avon and the Town of Busti for formatting.

Joann said she is currently signed up for agriculture and parks but would be willing to go back and choose one more area.

Other Business: Dave mentioned that Bob Green would like to have an idea how long it will take to wrap this up for review by the Planning Board and then on towards adoption through the rest of the process. Justin said he thought we could work towards having a draft of the first few sections of the document by June and perhaps a rough draft of all it by the end of the year.

The meeting was then adjourned for the evening with the next meeting date being March 15th in the library at 6:45 pm with it ending at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandra Riker

The notes of above were approved by the committee on April 26th.

3.2 Policy Areas

A. Natural Resources

Topics: Agriculture, Parks & Recreation, conservation & open space, Tourism. Cultural & Social, Energy

B. Sustainable Economy

Topics: Agriculture, Transportation, Infrastructure, housing, conservation & open space, Growth Management, Economic Development, Tourism, Energy, Marketing Bristol (ties in with Tourism), municipal cooperation

C. Community Resources

Topics: Parks & Recreation, transportation, conservation & open space, Cultural & Social, Health & human services, civic participation , town government, municipal cooperation

D. Quality of Life

Topics: Infrastructure , housing, conservation & open space, Community Character, Cultural & Social, Energy, health & human services, civic participation

E. Special Focus Area(s)

Route 64- this should be addressed at a later time , fund development should come under implementation section of document

Topics				
Agriculture	Parks & Rec	Transportation & Infrastructure	Housing	Conservation & Open Space
Community Character	Growth Management	Economic Development	Tourism	Cultural, Social, Historic Preserv.
Energy	Health & Human Services	Civic Participation & Community	Town Gov't Efficiency	Fund Development
Marketing Bristol	<i>Municipal Cooperation</i>			

