

Town of Canandaigua

5440 Routes 5 & 20 West
Canandaigua, New York 14424

MINUTES

CITIZENS' IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018, 9:00 A.M.

Committee Members Present: Doug Finch Joyce Marthaller
Sarah Reynolds Tom Schwartz
Gary Davis Oksana Fuller
Ray Henry

Development Office: Eric Cooper

Members Absent: Kevin Reynolds, Kelly LaVoie, Pat Venezia

➤ **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting commenced at 9:08 A.M.

➤ **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**

Strategic Planning for 2019

Doug Finch opened the meeting by clarifying a situation that had arisen regarding a Town resident who wanted to open his home to the public for the viewing of his Halloween decorations and was met with resistance by neighbors who reached out to the Town for help. Doug stated for the record that the safety of the public was the issue and nothing else. The Town of Canandaigua wholeheartedly supports a safe and happy Halloween for all.

Next on the agenda was an interactive exercise to begin planning priorities for CIC members to work on for 2019. Each member was asked to choose one goal from the Comprehensive Plan to focus on and explain the reason for their choice. A lively discussion followed, and the question was raised whether the CIC would benefit from having some new life breathed into it by adding new members, as well as

extending an invitation to residents of the community to attend the meetings and share their thoughts and ideas. All agreed it would be a good idea to hear others' perspectives and suggestions.

The following goals from the Comprehensive Plan were shared and discussed, but no final decisions were made about 2019 planning. These priorities will be further discussed and prioritized at the next meeting:

- 4) Protect Canandaigua Lake and its watershed as a major natural resource enjoyed by the Town and greater Canandaigua area
 - 5) Preserve the history of the Town of Canandaigua and support the protection of significant historic properties.
 - 10) Improve and expand the Town's recreational resources to meet the needs of the community in accordance with the goals set forth in the adopted Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan
 - 13) Maximize opportunities for large and small scale commercial development within the Town without compromising the Town's natural, scenic, cultural, and historic resources
- 2) Support viable and sustainable economic endeavors within the agricultural industry
 - 3) Ensure the protection of the Town of Canandaigua's natural resources

The Town's Comprehensive Plan is also in need of an update, and the benefits of that were discussed. It was agreed that a survey would need to be conducted, possibly by a consultant or in-house. There was a discussion about how that update would happen. One idea was to take the current goals and action steps and simply revise them, or create new action steps for certain goals whose existing action steps are complete.

There was a discussion about a recent Agricultural Advisory Meeting on 10/4/18, where implementation steps from the Ag Enhancement Plan were reviewed. There was a very good discussion about how the Town could/should support initiatives that are supportive of the agricultural industry, even though they may not necessarily be within the municipal limits in the Town of Canandaigua. Bostrom Farms has applied to the USDA to construct a USDA Certified regional processing plant. Whatever the Town of Canandaigua can do to support Bostrom Farms with that will help the (especially) smaller farmers in the Town of Canandaigua with the process of taking their meat to sell at local retailers. CIC members discussed ways in which the Town could offer economic help to the small farmers. Gorham has a produce auction that is an asset to this region.

There was a discussion about the Ag Plan and the implementation of those goals. The idea of getting someone in the Public Education Department, et al, a teacher, on the Ag Committee was brought up. Another suggestion was to have someone from the Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Concerns about the damaging effects of pesticides were raised and discussed as far as how the Town can both support agriculture and also protect our natural resources and water quality.

MEMBERS' REPORTS

Economic Development Team

None at this time.

Environmental Committee

None at this time.

Environmental Conservation Board

None at this time.

Local History Team

None at this time.

Parks and Recreation Committee

None at this time.

Special Events Committee

Halloween at Onanda – October 27, 2019

Complete Streets Committee

None at this time.

UPCOMING MEETING TOPICS

NRI - Shorelines

- **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:42 AM.

Next meeting: November 6, 2018