

Town of Canandaigua

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Canandaigua, New York 14424

CITIZENS' IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018, 9:00 A.M.

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

Karen Parkhurst

Development Office: Eric Cooper

Guest: Saralinda Hooker, Local History Team
 Cathy Menikotz, Supervisor - elect

- Call to Order by the Chairperson

The meeting commenced at 9:07 a.m.

- Introduction of Guests by the Chairperson

Sarah Reynolds welcomed Saralinda Hooker and Supervisor – elect Cathy Menikotz.

- Approval of Past Minutes

A motion was made by Eric Cooper and seconded by Gary Davis to approve the 11-06-18 CIC Minutes.

- Privilege of the Floor

- Report of the Development Office—Eric Cooper

- Referrals from the Town Board

- Old Business

No discussion.

- New Business

The meeting began with a brief discussion about TDRs. Sarah told Committee members that they need to decide and agree on one comment that needs to be sent to the Town Board.

Not many people like the way it is being proposed. The Ag Committee would like for the proposal to be done in a similar fashion to the BFJ proposal, so there is no ambiguity in decision making or need for guesswork. Process had not been addressed. It was suggested that the ratings for the Open Space Master Plan would serve as a good guide. The way it stands now, the proposed TDR regulations do not talk about money; they talk about value. It needs to be spelled out.

The general TDR concept is agreed upon by everyone; what is needed now is the structure. The way the proposal currently reads is difficult for the average resident to understand. A suggestion was made to have an example embedded in that structure document, which would make it easier to understand.

It was decided that the discussion on TDRs would be continued at a future date. Sarah asked for everyone to provide their input and said they will work on finalizing everything by Friday, November 30th.

The next topic of discussion was an update on the Local History Team's activities since the last time they came to the CIC in July. Everyone was pleased with the progress that has been made thus far. Saralinda Hooker announced that the Team had received the grant it applied for back in July, and the official award was in September. Phase 1 of the project is being worked on by the consultant, Bero Architecture of Rochester.

Phase 1 will involve the preparation of a background report (summary) on the history of the Town of Canandaigua, with a particular eye on physical evidence, such as buildings, roads, and railroads. At the end of Phase 1, there will be a written document that will be the context statement, located at the front end of the report. This will be completed in Phase 2. Phase 2 is the time when the consultants will be looking at the Town, particularly the (older) buildings, for those that are most intact and have the most history. The grant from the Preservation League of New York State is paying for approximately 80% of the cost of this project. The Local History Team anticipates that it will apply for a similar grant for Phase 2 in Spring 2019 and is optimistic that it will be approved. It is anticipated that Phase 1 will be completed by late Spring/Summer 2019, at which time the Local History Team would like to do a public program/presentation, which will explain the process. The consultants will be on hand for the presentation. The Team would like for the presentation to be held at the Cheshire Grange, if possible.

There will be a windshield survey in Phase 2.

The question was raised if there is a plan in place to encode the information. The reconnaissance level is the first step. The second step zeroes in on a particular group of buildings and gets even more information about them formatted in a way that could form the beginning of a National Registry nomination. The third step is the Recommendations.

The importance of recognizing local farms was discussed. There is an existing (competitive) program operated at a state-wide level for recognition of century and bicentennial farms that have remained in the same family with continuous farming. It is not known if any farms in Canandaigua have been recognized.

The Team started doing a regular piece in the newsletter but has not received any feedback thus far other than positive feedback on the newsletter as a whole. One of the subjects was the

historic maps of the Town first shown at the Open House back in June. Hard copies of a whole series of maps were available. On the Historian's page, there is now a link where readers can access the maps. In addition, there are other links that help to make navigation easier. Local History Team member Richard West handled the digitalization of information.

Some Ideas were shared on how to make the history of the Town of Canandaigua come alive:

- Include brief narratives with photos for greater visibility.
- Name the Town's conference rooms after steamboats (include descriptive/narrative labels).
- Place corresponding historical items/memorabilia in the conference rooms.
- Make large reproductions of the six Town maps and hang them up in Town Hall.
- Geocaching. The Town parks would be a good subject for this, as well as cemeteries, as long as safety constraints are put in place.
- Interpretive markers at historical sites around Town.

A suggestion was made to rename the roads after historic people. Doug said that would be up to the Town Planning Board. It was suggested the Committee come up with a list of suggestions for names to submit to the Planning Board to make the final decision. Another suggestion was to have markers for all the steamboat stops.

Sarah encouraged everyone to bring their thoughts and ideas to her. She can put articles in the newsletter and/or create a web page specifically for these ideas. Pictures and videos are most welcome!

There was a brief discussion about the idea of involving students in our boards and committees, wherein the members (students) communicate with their peers and gather any thoughts and ideas they may have. Supervisor – elect Cathy Menikotz's daughter had participated in a program at school in which students interviewed nursing home residents. Kaitlynn McCumiskey has already begun working with the high school to get students more involved and help educate the community about the Town's recycling options. The Parks and Rec Committee has had a junior board member position for years, but now that position is vacant. A suggestion was made to include Scouts.

- Member Reports (if any)
 - Planning Board
 - Zoning Board
 - Environmental Conservation Board
 - Agricultural Advisory Committee
 - Complete Streets Committee
 - Drainage Committee

- Economic Development Committee
- Environmental Committee
- Finance Committee
- Local History Team
- Parks & Recreation Committee
- Planning Committee
- Special Events Committee

- Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

- Next meeting: Tuesday, December 4, 2018
 - Topic: Wrap-up/Year in Review