

## AGENDA

Present: Eric C, Peter, Patrick, Kelly, Susan, Darlene, 3 guests (non-committee members)

NY Forward Application: Burnt Hills Forward

Town of Ballston / Hamlet of Burnt Hills

Committee Meeting | May 2, 2023 | 6:30 – 8 pm

- Community Engagement
  - Workshop debrief – key takeaways
    - 45 folks came out, strong support to improve connectivity, street safety for pedestrians/bikers
    - Place making and other aesthetic improvements
  - Online survey – high-level results
    - 242 participants - widely varying demographics and years of living in the area - 77% had at least one child - 77% are working full-time or part-time
    - What is missing? Shops, sidewalks, sewer, dining, grocery store, parks
    - Top three priorities: Walkability and Restaurants were by far the top two
    - See survey slideshow for greater detail
  - Vision statement – any changes needed?
    - Susan will give us a few short phrases to add that refer to private business investment
- Review of Submitted NY Forward Applications (see slide deck)
  - Commonalities among successful applications?
  - Pitfalls to avoid?
- Project Ideas/Updates
  - Any updates from property owner discussions?
  - Sewer district update
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  - The Northern Borders Grant invited us to fill out a full application for up to a million-dollar grant
  - We will need to apply for additional grants
  - MJ Engineering is working on our grant application. Eric, Jackie Hakes from MJ, and CHA engineering (feasibility study) are meeting weekly
    - Jackie will be submitting our grant on June 1st
  - Eric met with Dan Rourke (Runs Saratoga County Sewer) and Steve Bulger (County Administrator) today. Both are happy to write letters of support
- Next Steps
  - BFJ will share a private investment (projects) template
    - Eric and Patrick will work together to hit every business owner
      - Eric will make a check list of all the businesses in the district to make sure that none are missed
  - Eric will make a list of desired letters of support
  - BFJ to begin work on application writing, identify gaps in data needs
  - Initial planning for second pop-up event
    - Focus will be on design elements to help us develop design standards specific to Burnt Hills
  - Our next meeting will be in July - date T.B.A.