

## AGENDA

### NY Forward Application: Burnt Hills Forward

#### Town of Ballston / Hamlet of Burnt Hills

Committee Meeting | February 13, 2023 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Present: Eric C, Rebecca V, Rick R, Dave V, Susan F, Silvia, D, Patrick Z, Kurt B, Peter S

#### 1. **Project Status**

1. Data compilation: Ongoing
  2. Prep for first community engagement activities (see below)
- #### 2. **Proposed NY Forward Vision Statement (adapted from prior committee work)**

##### PREVIOUS VERSION:

*The Village of Burnt Hills, a gateway to Saratoga County, will embrace its natural beauty and agricultural roots to preserve its cultural and historical foundations while planning a more vibrant, engaging, and meaningful space for residents and visitors alike. We will celebrate the diversity of our population, the variety of our aesthetics, and the vitality of our commerce by providing a comprehensive village plan. This plan will embrace our past and encourage a more vibrant future with greater opportunities for business, recreation, entertainment and housing, all within a walkable design that connects to the surrounding community.*

##### PROPOSED VERSION:

*The Hamlet of Burnt Hills, a gateway to Saratoga County, is poised to become a destination commercial district of its region, building upon its existing locally owned businesses, historic assets, active and engaged community, and rural beauty. Burnt Hills will leverage walkability improvements, a cohesive streetscape approach, and investment in public spaces and recreation to improve conditions for families, young professionals, and visitors alike.*

*Rick Reynolds aske to include the Town of Ballston in the language and to decapitalize "Hamlet".*

#### 3. **Community Engagement**

1. Website and social media update
  - i. "Contact us" email on website wasn't working, but has been fixed
  - ii. Cindy has a Facebook and Instagram site up
2. Pop-Up event at library mini-golf tournament (Feb. 24-25):
  - . Event materials – information board, sign-up sheets, flyer handout
    1. Information board being printed and overnighted to the Library
    2. Cindy is producing materials and will share them with the engineers

- 3. Chris and Darlene are set to man our pop-up table. Eric will show up Saturday morning around 11ish
- 3. Online survey
  - i. Survey Monkey platform, live for ~1 month
    - 1. Some great feedback was given by committee members
  - ii. Proposed questions
    - 1. Version 2.0 will be emailed to committee
- 4. Engagement with property owners
  - i. Updates?
    - 1. Eric reached out to Duncan Crawford (gravel pit). He is open to selling his land to the Town
      - a. He will reach out to owner of Kingsley Corners and Dino Pierce, Nick Paravalos (burnt dinner plaza and vacant lot south of Rolling stone)
      - b. Patrick Zigler will talk to: Chris Nyhan (Edward Jones), Angelo Zupa, Lisa Russo (Tom's Barber)
  - ii. Plan for future engagement

#### 4. **Next Steps**

- 1. BFJ to follow up on data needs
- 2. Committee homework – comments on survey questions by Feb. 20
- 3. BFJ to send pop-up materials to library
- 4. Plan for March public workshop –
- i. BHBL High School Caf
- ii. Last week in March
  - 5. Plan for High School Engagement
- . First week in April
- i. Peter to contact John Antoski and Jeff Reynolds
  - 6. Next committee meeting – March 21st

#### 5. Sewer Update

- 1. Kickoff meeting with CHA went well. They have produced a map of a proposed district that the Town is looking over
- 2. We may have an opportunity to install a pump house at the low point on Rt. 50 to avoid anyone needing a grinder pump