

Town Supervisor's Report

August 2022

Current State of Town Initiatives

Brownfield Opportunity Area Revitalization

The BOA Study was completed in 2022. It was a highly interactive study featuring Village/Town partnership and significant public input. The Study resulted in identifiable initiatives to further economic development, increase senior and affordable housing, provide more public access to the Battenkill, and increase access to public waterlines.

The Village and Town have applied for BOA designation.

The Town is partnering with the Village in applying for a BOA Pre-Development grant that would complete tasks needed to further the desired outcomes of revitalization.

Town/Village Comprehensive Plan

The 2004 Town Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated. The Town and Village are partnering to develop a new Town/Village Comprehensive Plan. It will build on both the 2004 plan and the BOA Study. A Steering Committee has been established to guide this process utilizing a consultant and ample opportunities for public input.

Town Hall Engineering Study

Consulting engineers have examined Town Hall heating, electrical, septic, ADA compliance, and other assorted building condition issues. The Town Board will discuss prioritizing work that needs to be done and pursuing grant opportunities to help with completing the necessary updates.

Environmental and Green Energy Initiatives

Both the Town Hall engineering study and the grant opportunities available will allow the Town to reduce its carbon footprint as well as provide the community with access to services that promote environmental good. For instance, the Town Hall engineering study identified our heating system as antiquated and in need of replacement. This gives the Town the opportunity to proactively investigate more environmentally friendly HVAC solutions for the Town Hall. In addition, the Town is pursuing grant opportunities to place an EV Rapid Charging Station in the Town Hall parking lot.

Hudson Riverside Park

Supervisor Nolan and Councilman Mumby accompanied a landscape and a building architect around the Hudson Riverside Park grounds and buildings. The architects are in the initial stages of developing a plan to open viewing access to the Hudson River, provide access to public bathrooms, and plant trees/shrubbery along the borders of the property. There is also consideration of replacing the classroom building roof with a shingle roof. We have approximately \$175,000 of grant monies that can be used for these projects if approved by the Town Board. The goal would be to create public access to the park while we examine longer range options for developing this park.

IT Infrastructure and Cybersecurity

Symmetric Associates will be working with us for the next three weeks, migrating all computers and computer users over to the Microsoft M365 platform. This week they are working on the back end setup. Over the course of the following two weeks, all users will be setup. When the conversion is completed, all computers will be backed up instantaneously, there will be the ability to share and edit documents efficiently, cybersecurity readiness will be significantly improved, and restoration of software, files, etc. will be available for any computer.