

Envision Brewster

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Discussion Items:

1. Opportunity Area
 - a. Create a strategic implementation plan for both short and long range plans for Brewster, if application is successful
2. Consolidated Funding Applications (POTENTIALS)
 - a. Street Lights and Sidewalk Project (NYSERDA): LED lighting on new poles
 - b. Landmarks Preservation Society of Southeast (NYS OPRHP): create an outdoor amphitheater at The Walter Brewster House with walkway-connections between Oak Street & Main Street
 - c. The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition (NYS OPRHP): renovation and reopening of the Old Town Hall Theater
 - d. Sewer Extension (ESD): Infrastructure Investment to attract new business
 - e. Stateline Enterprises (ESD): develop an onsite craft brewery and distillery creating 30 – 50 jobs, sewer connection and annexation required
3. Village Projects
 - a. Parking Garage
 - b. River Walk – Passive Recreation Park with tie-in to Putnam Bike & Hike as well as PCLT Diverting Reservoir Trail
 - c. Putnam County Tourism - promote historic aspects of the area and eco-tourism opportunities – lends itself to Main Street Revitalization – new retail, etc.
 - d. Westchester Putnam Workforce Investment Board/Putnam Workforce Partnership – establish presence or link through transportation, improved bus service, (train frequency increased recently)
4. Garden Street School
 - a. Status on securing broker for sale of building
 - b. Business Incubator, Education & Training Facility potential for a CFA
 - i. ESD: Economic Growth Investment in Distressed areas
 1. Planning and Feasibility Study related to capital project
 2. Abate asbestos (environmental remediation)
 - c. Possibilities of conducting a GEIS
5. Greenway
 - a. Application due September 7, 2013 – request \$10,000 for “Phase II” to continue the efforts of the Fellows study toward an update of the Comp Plan. The grant requires a 50% match – which can consist of the County Planner and private funding.
6. Master Developer Agreement
7. Comprehensive Plan
 - a. Establish Committee
 - b. Seek funding
 - c. RFP and procure a firm
8. Update Zoning – need to establish committee – this may happen simultaneous to Comp Plan
9. Urban Renewal Agency
10. Urban Renewal Plan
 - a. Establish Area
 - b. Develop Urban Renewal Plan