

Meeting Notes

20/20 Implementation Advisory Committee

Time/date: 7:30 AM, Thursday, May 26, 2011

Location: Town Hall Room 101

Attendees: Steve Baboulis, Jim Blendell, John Clarkson, Kevin Crawford, Terri Egan (Co-Chair), Kim Finnigan, John Guastella, Susan Hager, John Hudacs, George Leveille (Co-Chair), John Piechnik, Ted Putney, Pam Robbins

Elected Officials & Town Staff present: Mike Cohen, Sam Messina, Mike Morelli, Robin Nagengast, Terry Ritz, John Smolinsky, Mary Tremblay-Glassman

Guest: Geoffrey Kirkpatrick, Interim Director, Bethlehem Library

1. Review of April 28 Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the 4/28/11 full committee were approved as drafted.

2. Modernization Sub-Committee Report: Terri Egan noted that election season has kicked off and reminded the group of the September 9 deadline for a referendum on the November 8 ballot. There was a discussion of the May 24 forum hosted by the League of Women Voters of Albany County, where there was a presentation on the “21st Century Town Governance and Management Structure” report, followed by a public discussion facilitated by the League. The Financial Management Sub Group met with Town department representatives and will have a final draft of their report either the first or second week in June. Terri, George Leveille, and Supervisor Messina met with a group to discuss savings from interdepartmental cooperation and identify more efficiency opportunities. Their next meeting will be June 2. The committee’s next presentation before the Town Board is scheduled for June 8.

3. Virtual Community Center update: John Clarkson discussed the scaled back initial implementation plan and the meeting space policies of the Town, the Library, the Elsmere Fire District, and BCSD. A goal is to provide one-stop shopping for community groups seeking a room or facility, with a reservation system supported through an appropriate scheduling technology (for example, the *Evanced* system used by the Library). The next steps are to convene a working group to share and discuss existing policies, describe frequency and type of use, discuss approach to scheduling, including library’s *Evanced* system, and discuss issues, problems and opportunities in going forward with a Virtual Community Center Plan. The group would consist of contact in several taxing jurisdictions, as well as Town staff and 20/20 members. There was a discussion of whether action was required by the Town Board.

4. Economic Development Sub-Committee Report: George advised the Vista bond closing is scheduled for June 21 and construction on the infrastructure is expected to start in July. Phase 1B is pending before the Planning Board. At the May 9 meeting, there was a discussion of the next steps for partnering with the BIDA and building capacity now that significant fee income

from the Vista project would be flowing to the BIDA, as well as adaptive reuse concepts that the sub-committee is expected to report out on in the near future. The next meeting will be June 13.

5. Schedule of Future Meetings

Modernization:	TBD
Economic Development:	6/13/11 7:30 AM
Intergovernmental:	6/8/11 8:00 AM (tentative)
Full Committee:	6/23/11 7:30 AM

6. Other: Supervisor Messina advised the Co-Chairs of someone who is interested in serving on 20/20.