

Meeting Notes

20/20 Implementation Advisory Committee

Time/date: 7:30 AM, Wednesday, April 28, 2011

Location: Town Hall Room 101

Attendees: Steve Baboulis, Diane Barber-Kansas, Keith Bennett, Jim Blendell, John Clarkson, Terri Egan (Co-Chair), Kim Finnigan, John Guastella, Susan Hager, John Hudacs, George Leveille (Co-Chair), John Piechnik, Ted Putney, Joseph Richardson, Pam Robbins, Brian Stenson

Elected Officials & Town Staff present: Mike Cohen, Joann Dawson, Diana Jacon, Sam Messina, Mike Morelli, Robin Nagengast, Mary Tremblay-Glassman, Jeanette Whitbeck (volunteer)

1. Review of April 27 presentation/discussion with Town Board: At the April 27 Town Board meeting, Co-Chairs Terri Egan and George Leveille reported on status of 20/20 Advisory Committee initiatives and John Clarkson and Susan Hager presented the Modernization Sub-Committee's report "21st Century Town Governance and Management Structure". At today's full committee meeting, there was a discussion of how the report was perceived by the Town Board and the audience and how to engage the public and provide more information to both the Board and the community. The next appearance before the Town Board is tentatively scheduled for June 8, which will include a presentation to the public by 20/20 and an opportunity for the public to ask questions and obtain further information of the options presented in the 21st Century Town Governance document.

2. Review of April 6 Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the 4/6/11 full committee were approved as drafted.

3. Economic Development Sub-Committee Report: The Town Board adopted the resolution authorizing the execution of a PILOT agreement in connection with certain infrastructure improvement to be made within the Vista Technology Campus. Co-Chair Joe Richardson reported the next step will be to present to the Albany County Legislature for approval. Joe indicated the schedule has been adjusted with the bond closing anticipated to be mid-June and the completion of the infrastructure estimated for May 2012. The next focus of the sub-committee will be the areas of Route 9W and Selkirk Yards. The next meeting will be May 9.

4. Modernization Sub-Committee Report: Susan Hager presented a letter drafted to President James E. Dering and members of the Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education that requested they consider adding to the criteria for the new superintendent search an assessment of the candidate's interest in exploring the potential for sharing services with town government and other jurisdictions. George Leveille suggested the letter include more detail on 20/20 and its focus on economic development. There was a brief discussion of whether the letter should be sent on behalf of 20/20 or the Supervisor or both. The group agreed the letter should be revised and sent with Supervisor Messina as a co-signatory with the 20/20 co-chairs.

5. Schedule of Future Meetings

Modernization:	TBD
Economic Development:	5/9/11 7:30 AM
Intergovernmental:	TBD
Full Committee:	5/26/11 7:30 AM