



One Burke Village Infrastructure and Visioning and Economic Development Meeting

August 18, 2021

Online via Zoom and in-person at Burke Community Center

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On August 17, 2021 at 5:00 pm, a meeting was held at the Burke Community Center and via Zoom video conference to discuss the Burke Visioning and Economic Development Study and Water and Wastewater Study. The following individuals attended:

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Todd Vendituoli	One Burke
Dan Flanagan	One Burke
Justin Rathburn	Burke Resident
Coralie Curran	Burke Property Owner
Laura Malieswski	Burke Chamber of Commerce
Mike Harris	Town of Burke
Peter Fairweather	Fairweather Consulting
Andrea Day	Dufresne Group

Andrea Day has prepared the following summary of notes taken at the meeting. Please notify her if you have any corrections or additions to these minutes. Tasks to be completed as a result of this meeting are underlined.

- I. The minutes from the July 20, 2021 meeting were approved.
- II. **Visioning/Economic Development Study – Fairweather Consulting**
 - a. Distribution of Final Report
 - i. Draft press release – no comments.
 - ii. The Town received 10 printed copies of the report from Peter for distribution around Town.
- III. **Water & Wastewater Study**
 - a. On-site Investigations update.
 - i. Test pits:

1. The request for proposals (RFP) is out. The Town has a backhoe if there isn't any interest.
2. The Town Crew works 4 day weeks.
3. Andrea to follow up with Tammy to make sure she got the RFP and check with Lynnette and Mary on whether the Town can do it.

b. Burke Mountain discussion

- i. The wastewater system connection option and considerations were discussed – cost, ownership, management, etc.
- ii. Andrea is working with Kevin Mack to determine feasibility.

IV. **Other items**

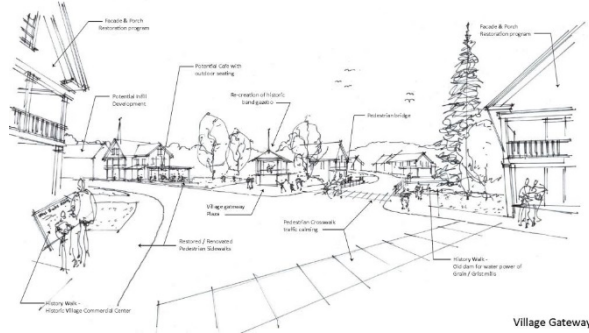
- a. Plan to have a booth at the Fall Festival on September 25th.
- b. Introduction by Justin Rathburn
 - i. Courses for free in Burke at a community venue. Help older citizens with computers and cell phones.
 1. Tie in the internet with the library and senior assistance.
 2. What resources are not being used at the library?
 - ii. Community building events/ideas.
 1. Winter carnival event organization.

V. **Next meeting**

- a. September 21, 2021 at 5pm
- b. Peter will be available to present at the annual One Burke meeting in October. Andrea will follow up with Des to see if a date and location for the annual meeting has been determined.

The One Burke Infrastructure Committee has been hard at work behind the scenes during the pandemic. A draft Vision and Economic Development Strategic Plan for West Burke Village was recently completed and is available for viewing at the Town Offices, Mike's Gas in West Burke, Café Lotti in East Burke and the Post Offices in each Village.

The West Burke Vision and Economic Development Strategic Plan establishes a vision for West Burke's future by identifying potential uses to be incorporated in a revitalized Village and laying out steps to make that vision a reality. This work is an outgrowth of the efforts of One Burke & the Town of Burke to bring more vitality and investment to the Village.



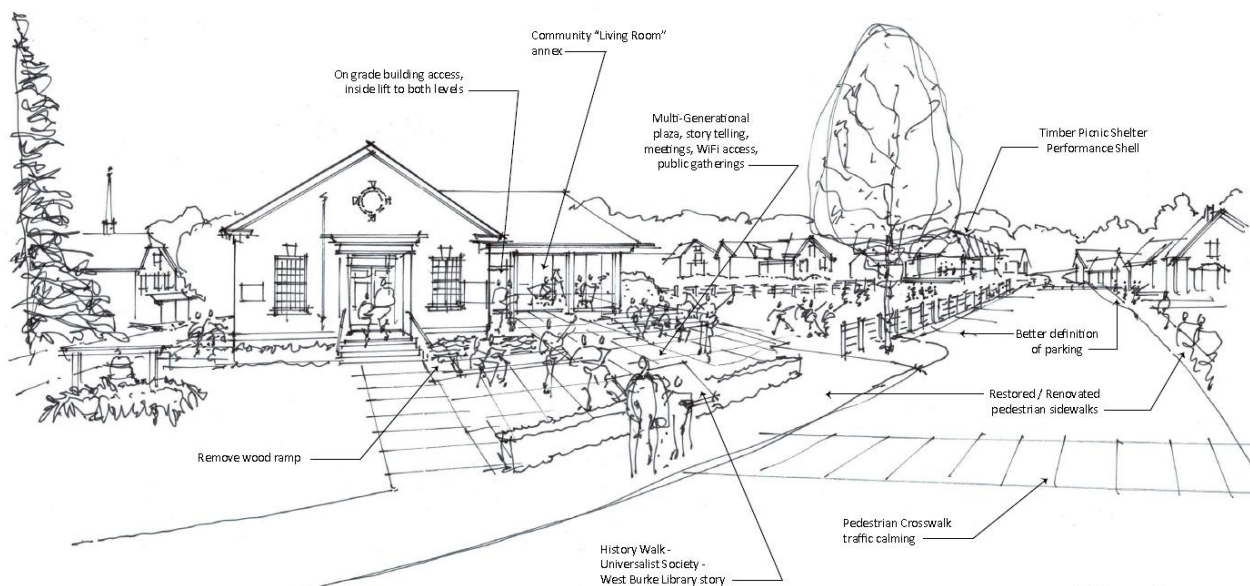
Market research for the Strategy identified opportunities for West Burke, including

- Outdoor Recreation & Food-related Businesses
- Housing
- Tourism-related Demand
- Small Scale Manufacturing
- Cultural Activities

The Vision developed for West Burke based on the findings of the study and public outreach is presented below.

West Burke will be a mixed-use pedestrian-friendly village center providing goods and services to area residents as well as visitors in such sectors as hospitality & dining, services, outdoor recreation, and housing to meet the needs of all residents.

The Village's physical development pattern will revive, reinforce and build upon West Burke's historic character while providing connections to historic features and recreation opportunities.



Water and Wastewater Study

While the Visioning and Economic Development Strategic Plan was being developed, progress on the water and wastewater study continued.

The State is currently coordinating contracts to complete backhoe test pits to investigate the suitability of soils in West Burke at the Town Office property and in the former gravel pit behind Mike's Gas. Additional investigations may be completed at a third site in West Burke in the future. These investigations will help the consultants working with the One Burke committee to determine the suitability of these sites for wastewater disposal. Two additional sites in East Burke will also be investigated in the future.

After the completion of the on-site investigations, the consultants will develop alternatives and cost estimates for public water and/or wastewater systems for West Burke and a public wastewater disposal system for East Burke. These alternatives will be presented to the public at an informational meeting. Having this information and associated costs available to the Town will allow the Villages to determine whether it is feasible or even desirable to proceed with any of the alternatives.