

Additional Town of Otis Revitalization Hybrid* Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, April 23,2025 Otis Town Hall, Noon*

Stacey Shultz, chair called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

Members present: Tim Wighton, Jackie Gentile, Celeste Watman, Sue Brofman, Susan Ebitz, and Cynthia Fletcher

Guest: Diane Dyer

Master Plan- Using the action plan section of the Town of Otis Master Plan, 2016, The committee reviewed the progress on various initiatives, including community engagement, infrastructure improvements, housing, and environmental conservation efforts. They discussed the status of these initiatives. During this discussion, the various initiatives were categorized as ongoing projects, completed tasks, or areas for further progress across multiple domains such as transportation, historical preservation, and recreational facilities. The committee also considered the potential for new projects and funding sources, emphasizing the need for collaboration and communication with town officials, established boards and commissions concerning the development of long-term plans for the town's growth and sustainability.

Various town initiatives related to transportation and infrastructure were discussed. The committee reviewed the status of projects such as pedestrian improvements, road restriping, and wildlife connectivity measures. The committee noted recent accomplishments, including new sidewalk installations and wildlife crossing signage.

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The proposed new library, interpretive hiking trails in 100-acre park, and setting up an ice-skating rink, were just a few of the projects that build on the strengths and opportunities reflected in the working document PowerPoint.

The group agreed to come prepared to the next meeting ready to Identify Prioritized items and Potential Quick Wins using slides 37-54 from the working document PowerPoint(in attached file).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Ebitz, Secretary

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Identify Quick Wins & Prioritized Items in the TOWS Matrix slides (32-36 in attached file)

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