

Town of Grand Island - Workshop Meeting #5

A workshop meeting of the Town Board of Grand Island, New York was held at the Grand Island Senior High School, 1100 Ransom Road, Baseline Road, Grand Island, NY at 7:00p.m. on the 31st of January, 2022.

Present:	John C. Whitney	Supervisor
	Michael H. Madigan	Councilman
	Peter J. Marston	Councilman
	Thomas A. Digati	Councilman
	Christian J. Bahleda	Councilman
	Karen M. Cooney	Deputy Town Clerk

Also Present:	Dr. Brian Graham	Superintendent
	Ashli Dreher	Trustee
	Susan Marston	Trustee
	Nicole Novak	Trustee
	Danielle Bruno	Trustee
	Jay Grover	Trustee
	Glenn Bobeck	Trustee
	Jude Kuehne	District Clerk

Absent:	Joy LaMarca	Trustee
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The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m.

NEW ITEMS:

General Discussion:

- **Sidewalks–Baseline** – Construction of sidewalks which will extend from Town Center to Webb Road.
- **Rivertown** – The developer applied to the Town for a rezoning to PDD.
- **Southpointe** – There are 5 different phases planned. There are plans to construct Assisted Living, Townhouses, Apartments and Single Family Homes.
- **Acquest** – Proposed 1 million square feet of warehouse. In the process of SEQR review. Town declared Positive Declaration for Project and approved the DRAFT Scoping Document. Property is zoned M-1 and is bounded by the New York State Thruway to the east, Bedell road to the south and Long Road to the north.
- **East River and Whitehaven** - Applicant is looking to rezone a portion of the property to build a series of townhouses.
- **Gun Creek Subdivision Phase 3** – The developer is planning another phase to the project which is located off Whitehaven Road across from Cornerstone Church.
- **Garbage Totes** – The Town’s solid waste collection contractor, Casella, will be distributing garbage totes to residents at no charge. There is no change to the garbage collection contract. This will put us in compliance with Erie County Health Department Laws.
- **Recreation/Shared Service Collaboration with School District** – Town to work with school on opportunities to share services, including bus services.
- **Update on Mask Mandate** – Discussion only
- **Joint Wellness Committee** – School Board Vice President Susan Marston said they are looking for 2 Town Board Members to join the committee. Cheryl Cardone gave update on services offered.
- **Shared Services – School Resource Officer (SRO)** – Thank you to Officer Bob Rine for helping to fill the School Resource Officer gap. Officers Tom Franz and

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Officer Troy Livesay are going to perform SRO functions. There are concerns with parent drop off in the morning and students crossing inappropriately at wrong points in front of the school.

- **Digital Citizenship** – Cheryl Cardone and Roger Broker, the High School Principal, met with a cross section of students in grades 9 through 12 to talk about Digital Citizenship. If students see something concerning, share with an adult, do not report or share.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

- This is the first joint Town Board/School Board Meeting since 2019. Mask Mandate. Joint Wellness Committee. Looking forward to continued collaboration with Town. Golf Tournament July 18th. Thank you, Dr. Graham, for hosting joint meeting. GIHS first school with Test to Stay Program. High school musical Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Next meeting May 23, 2022.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Supervisor Whitney, seconded by Councilman Madigan to adjourn at 7:51p.m.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney
 Noes 0

Respectfully submitted in the absence of the Town Clerk,

Karen M. Cooney
Deputy Town Clerk

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