

Parksville Meeting to Discuss Upcoming Townwide Presentation for the Comprehensive Plan (held at the Double Up, Parksville) May 6, 2026

Participants: Kim and Rob Rayevsky; Frank DeMayo; Peter Manning; Adrian and Todd Perlmutter; Jordan Harvey; Dan Pacek; Nick Rusin

The gathering was informed that the History, Culture, and Arts Advisory Group for the comp plan would be meeting the next day. And that Harriet and Hope are also in that group.

The topic of Parksville as an art district was discussed, including how it can help Parksville and Liberty as whole. For example, there are opportunities to coordinate and communicate with efforts of the Liberty Museum & Arts Center. The Parksville community is looking to reinforce their identity as a group of artists and as a destination for the arts. How do Liberty and Parksville work together to advance the arts?

Jordan stated that one of the reasons he came here is for the creative arts. He runs a large company out of Parksville. The community of Parksville wants to be a part of the vision for the town. There is an art district proposal document. The group Parksville Priorities is quite active and meets regularly.

Frank gave an overview of the remaining properties owned by DOT after the rerouting of Route 17. The process of getting these properties transferred to the town is lengthy and somewhat complicated. After Frank mentioned a 20-year time frame for change, Jordan agreed this was also a realistic timeline for Parksville's vision to be realized. Parksville is looking for opportunities to fund some of the projects and assets that the community already has, and they value recognition as an arts community, and more. Connection to the greater art themes of the county was also woven in. Frank expressed his enthusiasm and support for the Parksville Arts Center.

The hamlet of Rosendale in Ulster County was cited as an example of a community that has attracted considerable activity on its main street with events. New Memories and some of their happenings were also mentioned, as were the possibilities of an arts walk and workshops. Frank recommended contacting Gary Siegel, creator of the John Lennon Real Love Project. Gary has a podcast.

The beautification of Parksville was also discussed. On behalf of the community, Jordan suggested community-driven clean-up efforts and events, e.g. Dump Days. Frank mentioned that the town has these programs and referenced some of these efforts. The subject of code enforcement was discussed, and Frank explained that the town is currently reviewing applications that were submitted for the position.

Returning to the subject of the DOT properties, Frank brought up the possible uses for these parcels. These include the possibility of a county fairground, a concept that has been around for a while, as well as potentially directing some of the land to be used for the benefit of property owners. Peter inquired about getting a map of these properties. Frank responded that the maps are not in a useable/ helpful format. A rough estimate of 18 months was offered as a timeline for when some of the properties might be given to the town.

Discussion then turned to a prominent corner property that the town had previously tried to acquire. The property would be a great location to promote Parksville through signage or

artwork, for example. The value placed on the property was deemed incompatible with the ability to realize a return, or whether the parcel could even be built upon.

The pharmacy building, its condition, communication with the owner, and its inclusion in an active grant award for renovation (from ESD) were discussed at length. It was widely recognized that the community at large is waiting for something to happen at this important location in the hamlet.

After listening to the discussion, Peter questioned why there were building constraints along the main street. It was explained that proximity of many properties to the Little Beaverkill prohibits onsite expansion. Only a couple or a few properties have been grandfathered in. Frank chimed in on the enormity and expense of some type of central sewer facility. Jordan did some research and has some results/ reports to share. Nick mentioned a report by Wes Illing.

On the subject of zoning, Peter mentioned use of an overlay district, e.g. an arts overlay district. A statement of purpose for the district will express intent. Further, an incentive-based system could be explored via Town Law §261-b. Peter mentioned that during a past Liberty project on earlier comp plan efforts, he located document from Parksville and he will send it to the group.

The upcoming Walk Back in Time event will be held on June 6 (National Trails Day) at Walnut Park.

The group expressed their appreciation to the Rayevskys for hosting this meeting at the Double Up.