



## **LAKE LUZERNE 2022 TOWN MASTER PLAN**

### **TOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES ON JUNE 25 DOWNTOWN FIELD WALK**

Attending: John Cervený, Patricia Goldberg, John Kurimski, Pam Morin, Maryalice Barnaby, Jim Niles, Fred Ury (and friend Britt) , Sonya Harris, Drew Alberti, Tracey Clothier.

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

A group from the Town Advisory Committee walked Main Street with the goal to identify needed improvements that would make the hamlet area work better for all residents and visitors during all parts of the year.

#### **SUMMARY OBSERVATIONS:**

The Main Street area is generally attractive and well kept. There is an overall consistency is lacking lighting, streetscapes, crosswalks, banners. Lots of historical/natural/cultural/recreational destinations but they lack unity: a comprehensive interpretive plan, wayfinding signage is needed to tell the story of this place.

#### **DETAILED OBSERVATIONS:**

##### **1. PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT**

- Sidewalks in moderate condition. They are maintained by the municipality.
- Street Crossings of varied conditions and availability in the downtown district. Those near AFS are clean and newer, but at the 4 corners in poor condition and in need of maintenance.

##### **2. STREETScape**

- Some streetlamps, but not consistent throughout. Need for pedestrian-level lighting throughout.
- Could use LED updates or design more becoming of a downtown area.
- Lighting available near Adirondack Folk Life Center but none on 4 corners or at Bridge.
- Mill Street is a major gateway and needs signage/banners announcing coming into Main Street area.
- Monument at Bridge of Hope: Hidden between fences; Flagpole appears to be broken/missing flag; land owned by Town and has potential for trail along the Hudson River all the way to the Adirondack School.

##### **3. LANDSCAPING**

- Good street trees.
- Plant barrels are not as attractive as the hanging baskets of prior years.

##### **4. PUBLIC SPACES**

###### Basketball and Tennis Courts

- Well maintained and constructed facilities
- Need for lighting
- Consider adding pickleball courts

###### Riverside Trail

- Incomplete trail. Is there the opportunity to expand the trail in either direction? End on Bridge of Hope?



- Signage needed for trail entry: pedestrian or motor access
- Connect to other trail systems?
- Road cut and partial pavement for unknown reasons
- Spring flooding is an issue

#### 5. STREET FURNITURE

- Benches needed throughout the downtown
- Need more bike racks strategically placed

#### 6. SIGNAGE

- Directional signage/Need for businesses identified district identification needed
- Street banners of varying designs scattered along the main roadway. They are inconsistent and not consistently throughout the downtown area.

##### First Wilderness Heritage Corner 3-panel curved kiosk

- The bulletin board is out of date
- No one knows who has the keys to access it
- Similar or same as signage by 4 corners

#### 7. LAND USES

##### Derelict structures near 4 corners – Hudson River Rafting Company & Neighboring Residential Structure

- Building is poorly boarded up and deteriorating from lack of use/maintenance
- Visible structural deficiencies
- What is its zoning classification?
- Hudson River Rafting building no longer for sale?
- Could a Main Street or Anchor grant be appropriate for these buildings?

#### 8. TRAILS

First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Trail: review report and address recommendations -First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Final Layout of the First Wilderness Trail June 2019. This trail goes over the Bridge of Hope, up through Main Street and up the River Road to Warrensburg.

#### 9. COMMUNITY SERVICES What basic community services are located in the hamlet?

- No trolley or bus to Glens Falls, Lake George, or Corinth
- Food pantry one of the best around.

#### 10. BUSINESSES

- Missing a downtown restaurant
- Auto garage possibly for sale?

##### Luzerne Market

Local grocer (since 1980)

##### Stone's Pharmacy

- Drugstore/Pharmacy/Giftshop
- A strong anchor business
- Parking in rear



#### Antique/Collectable store

- Reasonably maintained store
- Could be a real destination for visitors
- Closed until Spring? Unsure if will reopen

### 11. OBSERVATIONS BY PLACE

#### Kinnear Museum

- No defined access or parking
- No defined hours of operation
- Building in moderate condition
- No defining features indicating what kind of museum it is
- Barn of no known use behind the building

#### Kinnear Museum Trail

- Unmarked-need a trail sign
- Path is treacherous in spots, with protruding roots, sloped down and toward a hill

#### Adirondack Folk School

- A 5-star destination
- Facilities/restrooms available
- Access to nearby trails and riverfront
- Available Parking
- Wants/needs to expand. Looked into Hudson River Rafting property.

#### Rockwell Harmon Cottage (Visitors Center)

- Back porch of Visitor Center and the Rockwell Falls Library great places to see the river.
- Formerly manned by Chamber of Commerce staff
- Historic structure

#### Bridge of Hope

- Teens jump off treacherous bridge/get killed. New local laws. Need for barrier that doesn't obstruct view but prevents jumping
- Parking in downtown area limited when 4 churches are in congregation

#### Mill Park/Colonel Butler Park and Museum

- No identification of museum, what is presented there, or when it is open
- Beautiful Park but it is unclear where you can park or access the site

#### Garner Tannery

- No interpretation
- Unkept and grown over with invasive knotweed
- Cannot see the bottom or around the base of the structure

#### Gailey Hill Schoolhouse and Structures

- Open to the public
- Public facilities
- No identification or interpretation during off hours
- No correlation or relation to nearby sites