

Town of Friendsville

Public Meeting Summary 9/21/2023



In addition to any comments you provided at the various stations today, do you generally agree with the recommendations that have been developed for the Town of Friendsville Comprehensive Plan?

- Overall, we received a vote of 23 people who marked “yes” and 2 that marked “no”.
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If not, can you please let us know what is missing or needs to be changed?

- It'd be great if we could have a family restaurant in Friendsville! Jubilee was a great place, small business, etc., Tractor Trailer truck parking needs to have a load parking lot. Attempt to attract more small business in the area. Thank yall for educating us.
 - Add no fracking ban.
 - Develop Kendall Trail (for everyone – model trail like Ohio Pyle)
 - All homes within the town are on a county sewer and water so I don't understand the need to partner with Garrett County to initiate a program to modernize water supply sources.
 - I don't feel any advantage to encourage “pop-up” shop events on Main Street. I believe there are only 2 buildings for sale, and both require extensive repairs.
 - Install Benches throughout the town for walkers, especially near “Honor Roll Memorial” on Main Street.
 - Upgrade Roadside @ 240 Maple St.
 - A homeless shelter, especially for the winter.
 - Need to address zoning restrictions for parking for businesses.
 - 4 – way stop sign @ 1st and Maple
 - Plan to replace aging and decaying water mains (street by street) ~ water is undrinkable.
 - More shaded options in the park.
 - Zoning laws need reviewed (i.e. parking, sq ft for housing, ect.)
 - The water supply comes from Limestone springs – don't see how this would be better water to drink.
 - Need benches throughout Main Street.
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Are there any recommendations that you or your organization can assist with? If yes, please list.

- The Friendsville Museum and historical/genealogical library is a treasure chest of MANY family historians other than FRIEND and needs more volunteers/people.
 - Affiliated with the Community Watch (current president) and the Community Health Outreach worker with GCHD for Friendsville. Please reach out if I can assist in any way (Jamie Spano).
 - Partnering with the churches to assist with youth programs, biking, river usage, etc.
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Public Meeting Board Comments

- Age of water distribution system
 - Dirty old pipes need to be replaced (not safe to drink).
- Drinking water quality.

- Parking for truckers is important as well as parking for businesses.
- Adding benches throughout main street.
- Trail development for everyone.
- Kendall Trail maintenance is needed,
- Main Intersection.
 - 1st and Maple treacherous from Rt. 40.
 - Should be a 4-way stop sign.
- Speeding throughout the town.
- Upgrade empty sign on Bear Creek Entry.
 - “Welcome to Friendsville” or something similar.
- Bringing back community events or diversifying options for events.
 - Maker’s markets, art event, etc.,).
- Some properties on Main street are being used as storage
 - Buying these properties or finding some sort of incentive to put businesses here.
- Beautifying main street by adding benches, historical sculptures, etc.
- Bringing more restaurants into town is vital for economic development.