



Community Planning Meeting Topics

"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work."
— Daniel Hudson Burnham (1846-1912)

Core Values

Wednesday, June 25 @ 6:30PM

A town's comprehensive plan should reflect the values and aspirations of its residents. As the town develops its plan, residents and property owners will develop a list of the town's core values, which will provide a base upon which to make future decisions during the planning process.

Town Center

Saturday, July 19th @ 10:30 am

Downtown Milton has many vacant historic structures, with a few currently being renovated to house new businesses. This meeting will explore what steps must be taken to attract businesses to downtown Milton and will consider what types of businesses would most enliven the town center.

The River

Monday, July 28 @ 6:30PM

Many Milton residents see the Broadkill River as the town's most important yet underutilized asset. It is also a threat to the town center because of flooding – which is expected to increase in future years because of sea level increases and increased precipitation. This meeting will explore how the river can become a more visible and important feature, and how the community can adapt to expected river level changes.

Historic District & Community Design Guidelines

Wednesday, August 13th @ 1PM

The Milton historic district has effectively protected several of the town's architectural treasures and has helped to preserve the character of the town. In order to build upon this solid foundation, we will review the current boundaries of the historic district, inventory other valuable architectural assets that might be similar protected and determine whether changes or expansions should be made. This meeting will also focus on developing guidelines for community design to preserve and enhance the community's unique character.

Affordable Housing & Community Development

Saturday, September 20 @ 10:30AM

Milton strives to be a welcoming and affordable home to residents of all financial means; it also has a desire and responsibility to attract businesses and development. This meeting will explore how the town can broaden its tax base and encourage development while maintaining affordability for residents of all means.

Cultural Resources

Tuesday September 23 (*Milton Theatre*) 1PM

The arts have become an increasingly important part of Milton's resurgence. The shuttered Milton Theater has reopened as the home of the Premier Centre for the Arts. A former small engine repair shop has been renovated to serve as studio space for the town's burgeoning artist community, and an obsolete mid-20th century post office is finding new life as an artist's residence and studio. This meeting will explore how Milton can harness the growing local arts scene as a mechanism for community growth and a means to improve the quality of life for the local community.

Economic and Community Development Plan

Thursday, October 9 @ 6:30PM

Having considered a range of specific topics (the river, downtown, transportation, etc), the town will develop policies, statements, goals and plans to address the town's most pressing economic and community development goals and challenges.

Utilities

Wednesday, October 15 @ 6:30PM

Milton's wastewater treatment plant occupies prime space on the Broadkill River and is expected to be overtaxed and obsolete as Milton's population expands; The town relies heavily upon revenue from the sale of water to its residents and adjacent communities; The area's electrical grid is vulnerable to outages; heat and cooking fuel is delivered through various systems. This discussion will look at the limits of the existing systems and the community's future needs.

Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Protection

Thursday, October 23 @ 6:30PM

*The state of Delaware requires an **Environmental Protection Plan**, a **Land Use Plan** and an **Open Space and Recreation Plan** as part of each community's Comprehensive Plan. This meeting will give participants an opportunity to lay out a comprehensive plan for how the community preserves and uses its open spaces.*

Meeting 13: Community Facilities Plan

Wednesday, November 5

The Town of Milton offers and maintains a range of facilities and services for its residents. This meeting will discuss ways to improve these services and facilities.

Meeting 14: Front Street

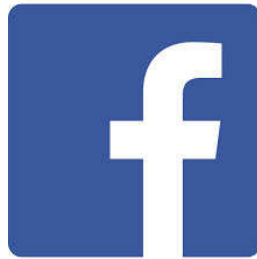
Thursday, November 20 @ 6:30PM

Front Street is a primary route of entry to Milton’s downtown. It also parallels one of the town’s most distinctive but overlooked features - the Broadkill River. Unfortunately, this potentially important route is marred by abandoned buildings, a town Public Works yard and a wastewater treatment plant. Views of the river are blocked by vegetation, the water treatment plant and an abandoned and decaying chicken processing building. The street often floods. This meeting will explore how the town can make Front Street a more fitting entrance to the town, and make better use of its close proximity to the river.

Meeting 15. Presentation of Draft Plan

Tuesday, December 9 @ 6:30PM (Milton Fire Department)

After several months of work and community engagement, the Town of Milton will have developed a fairly detailed vision for its future. This meeting will give the community an opportunity to see the draft Comprehensive Plan and provide final comments.



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