

SUSTAINABLE SOUTHAMPTON GREEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 2, 2024

3:45 PM – 6:00 PM

Town Hall Lower Level Meeting Room

And on Zoom

Minutes from April Meeting passed

Current Projects:

Grants – Victoria/Gary

- *Neely/Tom Houghton pursuing Dept. of Transportation grant application. Need a grant writer from the Town to participate, Michael supporting.*
- IRS Energy related provisions presentations
- *Victoria to send list of grant links to Michael who will ask Debra to add a page linked to the sustainability committee page on town website.*
- Discussion - why need a grant to fund an event or the purchase of school buses.

Outreach subcommittee

- Adrienne/Jesse investigated events already scheduled, a brochure needs to be drafted, reviewed w/ Michael & Tommy John, printed, and volunteers to distribute.

Skip the Stuff – Susanne

- *Needs feedback on materials sent on email*
- *Dieter to take Susanne's documentation, amendment can be made to plastic straw legislation; Michael Lasilli indicated that once drafted can be sent directly to Town Attorney's office*

Electrifying Homes – Tip

- Evan: Generally speaking everyone in agreement concerning the “need”, however mandate unlikely
- TJS: does NYS enable rebates?
- MI: how incentivize solar on middle class and low income, maybe there is a mechanism to fund a local grant thru CPF, can we be an apparatus to inform the public and direct people there
- Look at how other communities have phased this in
 - Need to communicate electrification to existing and new construction.
- Tip: in CA, court cases claiming can’t mandate that people go electric
- Dieter: mandate off the table

Community Composting – Joe

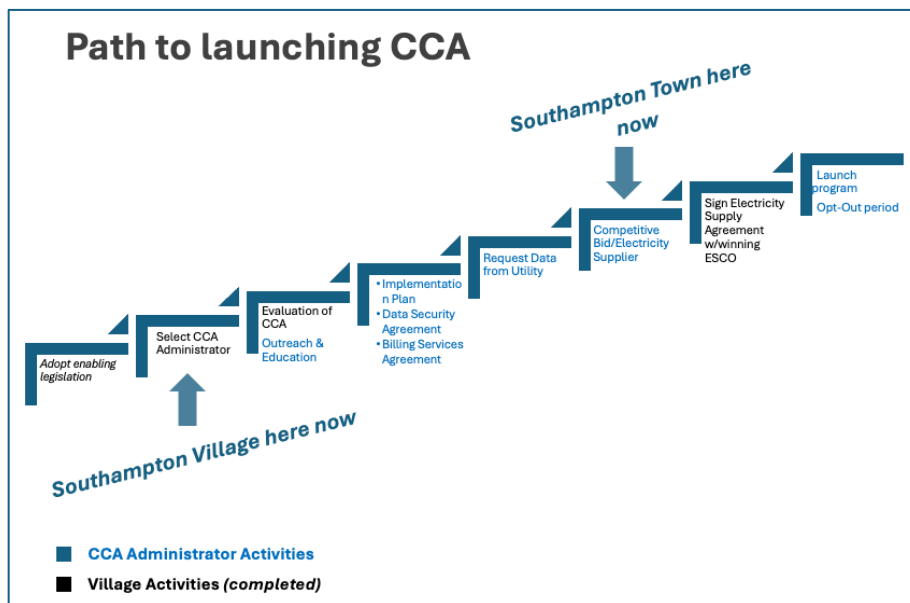
- *Issue is to make sure the application filed so permit is in place. Would like to be ready to launch in May with Pilot.*
- *Joe will filter materials back to Tom Houghton, cc: TJS and MI*
 - *Working on brochure, getting information on website*
 - *Need a communication plan*
- *TJS volunteered to find out if Tom has filed DEC application*

CCA ACTIVITY – Lynn

Southampton Village
Riverhead Town
Sag Harbor
North Haven
WHB
Southold Town
Shelter Island

presentations: Feb BOT, Mar Cultural Center
Supervisor, Councilwoman, staff / March
Apr BOT
May BOT
Scheduled 4/15 w/Mayor
TBScheduled
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E Hampton - like all the others is waiting to see what Southampton Town does. East Hampton and all the other municipalities we met with are relatively small and not able to secure a competitive bid on their own, each has expressed a serious intent to proceed, but is waiting to see what Southampton Town Board does when it receives refreshed pricing in response to its Power Supply RFP this month.



Trees – Dieter

Plant more trees / not cut them down

- Sarah, Julie, Jim previously involved in saving trees
- Jim previously worked with local schools
- Julie – Pam Harwood / Bridgehampton had trees marked, special trees designated, worked with tom Neely to get trees planted.

Wholistic approach to Carbon sequestration

- Benchmarking
- Not lose trees/Town wide tree survey
- Increase soil fertility
- Dieter to reach out to Jen Keller, Conservation committee in schools

Meeting Guide Lines – Dieter

Sub-committees - Dieter