

***Sustainable Southampton Green Advisory Committee
Town of Southampton
Co-chairs: Glorian Berk, Dieter von Lehsten***

Minutes Dec 5, 2023 3:45 PM – 5:20 PM

Next Meeting: Jan 9 3:45

Town Hall Lower Level conf room

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	Names in bold were present		

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General Request	Glorian	11/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If members have their topic on the agenda and cannot attend the meeting, it would be appreciated if a written update could be sent to Glorian, to be read to the committee in advance of that meeting
Climate Action Plan update	Tip	11/7 9/5 6/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urgent request for members to show up 1pm Dec 12, Talking points will be distributed for consideration. Main objections were from Councilwoman McNamara who felt there wasn't enough outreach executed in advance of the vote. Also she said there are no requirements in the plan. MI: move sustainability from Municipal Works to Planning, perhaps ways to engage with Civic as a way to engage, Tip agreed to contact Janice for an update Postpone to next meeting. Dieter sent feedback to Janice Sign-up for Sustainability Distribution List here: https://www.southamptontownny.gov/list.aspx Tip met/provided comments & concerns to consultant/Rambol & Janice GHG inventory was referenced but not provided in draft, would be supplied with final report Too many prioritized or subjective stmts Draft report by summer to include GHG inventory Link to meeting https://www.southamptontownny.gov/1810/Climate-Action-Plan after checking w/Janice, Tip to share draft and solicit feedback from committee committee to consider recommendation to Janice: let's get together with Rambol to discuss concerns, etc.
Electrify new buildings	Tip	11/7 7/18 6/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting for NYS Legislation to be passed .. Lena says in the NYS budget Electric only new NYS code expected – Tip recommended wait J Barrows invited to DOE sponsored ambient energy forum, what can be done to take pressure off GRID infrastructure which is not robust enough to take increased load from electrification from Lena: Because we will run out of time I just want you all to know that the EH Energy & Sustainability Committee unanimously passed the All-Electric Buildings Act recommendation yesterday AND , also unanimously, passed a recommendation to amend our Ban Gas Leaf Blowers which will eliminate them altogether 1/1/2025 which is also the date that all new construction will be electric — assuming that the Town Board follows our recommendation. Incentives to electrify existing buildings Tip delivered presentation to committee. Councilman Bouvier indicated lack of support. Suggested that committee make recommendation to educate Board Members at an upcoming worksession Action: Tip to compare NYS Law to what proposing locally
Electrify Existing buildings	Tip	11/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tip, John, and Victoria to report at Dec meeting
CCA	Lynn	12/5 11/7 9/5 6/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change, RFP still active, plan to revisit after new board is seated Power Supply RFP is still active. Joule will contact T Board when an RFP response meets thresholds established in the MOU, whereby all board members agreed to authorize Supervisor to signa contract. Power Supply RFP is still active. Joule will contact T Board when an RFP response meets thresholds established in the MOU, whereby all board members agreed to authorize Supervisor to signa contract. Power Supply RFP responses delayed to week of Sep 5 Bridgehampton library presentation sept 18th Power Supply RFP responses due June 25 Link to recorded education: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MeeWhGRAnCA
CDG Community Solar	Lynn	12/5 6/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting for DEC approval of the project Successful outreach efforts, typically 100% signup rate at face-to-face presentations Approximately 100 residents signed up of which > 60% self-identified as LMI Action: enter names into the subscription portal as soon as Joule and Kearsarge provide it Action: the first 25 subscribers will be submitted to NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities program
Skip The Stuff / Plastic Reduction	Susanne Jansson	12/5 9/5 7/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expect to have multiple local Bills that have been passed by other municipalities to share with committee. Need a briefing package to solicit town board sponsor DoorDash and UberEats, etc.. have to part of the Bill Stuff: NYC & N Westchester passed law in march unless you ask for condiments, paper plates & utensils (40% of liter in ocean from this Stuff) Actively working on 3 tasks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> One Two Dialogue for likeminded community members Please contact Susanne if interested in volunteering Plans to initiate the 'Skip the stuff' campaign Reached out to legislators to understand what can be re-used from their programs.100M plastic bowls, utensils & cups. 19B utensils used by restaurants. Ask about their outreach. Need to get info on impacts to human health Resources: https://climatechangeresources.org/learn-more/health/health-pollution/plastics/

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Community Communication	Kimberly Evan	12/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the Sustainability Resolution the committee is responsible to provide an annual report, lets get organized
		11/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This subcommittee will regroup and report at the December meeting. By statute this committee required to deliver annual report to TB – agreed to discuss plan at Dec mtg
		9/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No funding for IT or public education
		6/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lena indicated that E Hampton planning a monthly event at LTV Dieter, Glorian, and Tip to review and then to members Not enough participation in TH meetings Community doesn't know what we do Desire for new blood Kicked around and discarded the idea of a survey until we can come up with a good reason Need meeting minutes organized well with commitments documented. Commitment list, dates, who responsible Debra Keller drives email blasts off 3 distribution lists Difficult for New members to be productive .. need onboarding process Public communications .. need to inventory important things we are doing. Consider communicating the 10 things that are critical Actions: Take a look at website, Tip to share previous method of communicating minutes & how to get things done, Tip will ask for link so we can see Climate Action Plan survey results, Kimberly/Evan to aggregate content re: what do we have to work with
BESS moratorium	Lynn	12/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evan asked: "What are the next steps"? did Janice hire consultant, what is their scope of work? Seth agreed to follow-up Lynn pointed out that as far as she is aware - there is no funding for outreach in the 2024 budget
		7/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lynn invited committee members to participate on a sub-committee with the aim of drafting a letter of recommendation to the TB on this topic. will organize a Zoom call and agenda to discuss whether the committee should Tip, David, Dieter
Coastal Resilience	Helen	7/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JB said - - FIMP/Fire Island To Montauk and its "border" project - will be visiting homeowners that border northern estuary of the bay, raise homes at risk of flood
Charging Station Infrastructure	Laurie	12/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just pushed through a resolution to support the Make Ready Program – incentives to Residential and Commercial
		7/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom has all grants in place. Laurie advocating for a charging station at the Bridgehampton workforce housing project (Laurie) Lena happy to be source of information <p>Add'l Resources: https://www.danspapers.com/2023/07/rove-relaunch-tesla-free-ride-hamptons/ https://climatechangeresources.org/learn-more/transportation/charging-stations/</p>
Community Composting	Joe	12/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riverhead moving ahead nicely, getting schools involved, E Hampton has a pilot program Jan 19 Mark Haubner regional meeting planned. Joe put another call into Tom Houghton to inquire status of pilot program – no response
		11/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everything was going well concerning planning the pilot. However, the summer efforts to put something together with town hit a wall. Town/Tom Houghton not responding. Meanwhile, adjacent municipal efforts proceeding, e.g. Riverhead had successful pilot, as did East Hampton. Discussion followed with multiple committee members in agreement that Sustainability initiatives are not getting the support of Town Liaison and staff. Kimberly pointed out by statute the town is required to engage with us. Tip recommended the committee request to be on the agenda of a TB work session to escalate. We agreed the next steps would be to discuss approach at Dec meeting.
		7/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dieter asking what role can committee play? E Hampton executing pilot Ask Tom Houghton to present town's plans at next meeting
Membership / Bylaws	Dieter	12/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since Martel not re-elected, committee discussed submitting a formal request for Tommy John and Michael as liasons
		11/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Bylaws unanimously approved
		9/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A recommendation was made to ask Councilman Martel to resign from the committee. An observation was made that the Councilman will participate in Committee meetings, offer no opinion on topics the committee is putting forward to the Town Board, then vote against them with no advanced warning or explanation to the committee in advance of the vote. Meanwhile his campaign literature says he is 'for the environment'? New members can send EV to co-chair asking to be a new member, submitted to town board Dieter sending to members asking for comments. please reply all by October 1. Discussion and vote at October 3rd meeting
Alternatives to salt on Town roads in winter	Dieter	12/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joe put in a call to the Southampton Highway Department and spoke with Marc Braeger, who is the deputy superintendent of the department, and he was very open and willing to talk. He had some familiarity with the use of beet juice products as an alternative to road salt but said that as far as he was aware, it was primarily used in much colder regions, such as upstate NY, and not likely to be effective in a more temperate zone such as the East End. He nonetheless said he would be willing to take a meeting with East End Organics to hear their side of the story. With the holidays upon us, he suggested we schedule something for early January. In the meantime, I will follow up with Dave Schiavone and see how he responds to the issue of his product's suitability in our local climate.
		11/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LI Organics contacted, interested in working with us to evaluate whether their product of interest. Joe will followup with Highway Dept directly and Hwy Dept Town Board liaison when that person is identified in 2024 New sub-committee formed / members: Joe, Mary Anne and Lena Lynn referenced and subsequently reached out to Dave Schiavoni/Sag Harbor who she claims has patent and business distributing beet juice for purposes of sustainably pretreating road surfaces for severe winter weather.

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Municipal Works plan	Tom	9/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 2023/2024 focusing on electrification: central garage, solar on town hall roof., Flanders/North Sea replacing with air source heat pump (5 projects). Studies to reduce carbon footprint Old Noyack schoolhouse, town barn • Try to get back on board with repurposing some materials (try to reuse) • Trying to increase recycling rate • Private carters – do they separate recyclables? Too much Municipal Solid Waste in waste stream. • Recently installed EV charging station at Good Ground Park. Tom’s goal is to install Level 2 chargers in Town. Next locations: 3 stations at town hall, Flanders 2 stations • Privately: 10 charging stations going in at King Kullen/Hampton Bays • Rick: need to replace EV charging stations at Ponquogue Beach
Next Meeting		1/9 12/5 7/18 6/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Preferably in person however can participate via Zoom • Should we go back to 2 meetings/month? • Universal agreement to meet over summer • Talked about setting attendance policy, i.e. must show up for 60% meeting to retain committee membership • Action: investigate using Zoom to avoid summer traffic. Multiple members (Tip, Lynn) have Zoom licenses
HISTORY			
Guest Speaker / Kevin McAllister		9/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters in Dune Management along the shoreline. On coastal shoreline sources of sand depending upon prevailing wind drives sand onto beach where it dries (offshore/onshore cycle). Winter storms cyclical and beaches will narrow. Army core does not manage sand across the inlets efficiently. Longshore current drives sand east to west. • Explained why the shoals develop inside and outside the in-let. • Detailed the impact of seawalls • Times article (headline misleading) sand replenishment is a short time measure, very expensive, e.g. \$7M for 2 miles in Quogue. • Dredging: where to go for sand .. need beach compatible sand. Logistics: difficult to schedule, lots of competition for dredging equipment up and down the Atlantic Coast. • Recommending be cognizant of this issue. We have not had a major storm in years. • Example: Fire Island to Montauk (sand replenishment) Army Corp of Engineers. Will be cost sharing arrangement vis-a-vis taxing districts. • Recommending: need to understand and plan for future
Clean Concrete		11/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed and agreed out of scope