

Sustainability Committee Minutes

December 2, 2025

In Person: Lynn Arthur, Mark McIntyre, Glorian Berk, Michael Iasilli, Susanne Janssen, Seth Race, Mary Anne Eddy, Tom Houghton, Victoria Elenowitz, John Barrows, Tajea Anderson

Remote: Adrienne Woodduck, Amy Paradise, Julie Burmeister, John Burrows, Ryan Murphy, Joe Lamport, Bill Pell, Aram Terchunian, Michae Iasilli, Deiter, Glorian, Susan Boyle, Lena Tabori

1. Approve November minutes approves at 3:54
2. Lynn—Gratitude Year in Review
 - a. Tajea Anderson
 - b. Seth Race
 - c. Tom Houghton
3. Skip the Stuff update – Susanne Janssen
 - a. Will go around with Surfrider to publicize Skip the Stuff legislation
 - b. Will approach Westhampton or Southampton restaurants to try to get them on board
 - c. Budget for publicity for Skip the Stuff? How to communicate the message without cost. Would \$500 be reasonable?
4. Compost update – Joe Lamport and Tom Houghton
 - a. Compost collection over the year: See attached charts for annual figures
 - b. Trailer to collect food waste from transfer stations
 - i. Other locations possible with new equipment (like green markets, King Kullen?)
 - ii. Joe—Riverhead built a good screener, efficient and motorized—could be a cost-effective model for us to help process the end material

- iii. Hoping that people will use fewer green bags if they drop off food scraps—they will save money
 - iv. Could use QR codes—Michael notes that pamphlets are useful too as some people are not familiar with QR codes
 - v. Missing a big opportunity with Instagram—Town needs to take more advantage of Instagram. Perhaps the Committee can help with that
 - vi. Tom--\$1100 savings to Town—22,000 lbs of food scraps to date=11 tons
5. Dockers Condominium Project- Mark McIntyre
- a. This issue came to our attention between our 2 meetings—Mark looked into it and the deadline was before our next meeting so we opted to pen a letter and ask have committee members sign as individuals if they chose to
 - b. Comments on the substance and procedure of the letter were elicited-
 - i. Dieter thinks it's not an issue of sustainability—a building issue not a sustainability issue
 - ii. John Barrows agrees with Dieter
 - iii. Michael says the Committee is set up by the Town Board, not the Planning Board. There are many applications that could have numerous impacts on the environment. Believes you can say "as a member of the SC" but not endorsed by the Committee... As a liaison, Michael thinks it falls out of our purview
 - iv. We discussed our input on Bess, and whether this was similar or different to the current planning issue. John Barrows believed that our input on BESS was advice from individuals who happened to be on the Committee—not an official Committee act
 - v. Glorian Berk noted that she believes our Committee should be involved in the master plan—we do have a role with codes
 - vi. With regard to procedure, the consensus was that if an issue comes up between meetings and a letter is penned, we can sign on as individuals; if there is a meeting and it's not time-sensitive, we can bring the issue up in the meeting on a case-by-case basis to discuss
6. Water Quality Amendment – Mark McIntyre
- a. We don't have an update yet on the amendments to the Water Quality Improvement Plan
 - b. Mark has Invited Jackie to our February meeting to update us on CPF
 - c. Town is currently revising the maps, expanding the priority areas
 - d. Well water testing—takes a long time to get results from the County
7. New Business
- a. Adrienne—discussed giving out Bartlett tree saplings
 - i. We could do it at a school
 - ii. Get booth at the events, make signs to showcase
 - iii. Supports existing Tree ordinances
 - b. April in NYS tree plant month (Susanne)
 - c. Susan Boyle is talking to Quoque library on tree issues—would love to see involvement in schools

Meeting adjourned @5pm

Next meeting is Jan 6 @3:45pm

Food Waste Collected in Pounds Town of Southampton- 2025

