

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 3, 2017 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. Von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), L. Arthur (LA), J. Burmeister (JB), G. Raacke (GR), N. Palumbo (NP), B. Chaleff (BC), J. Keller (JK), L. James (LJ), S. Carlin (SC), J. Scherer (JS)

Non-members present: Councilman J.Bouvier (CJB), C. Fette (CF), L. Gepes (LG)

Meeting was called to order at 4:07 PM. Meeting minutes from December 6th, 2016 were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: DVL Time of year to those board members to get re-appointed for 12 months. CJB recommends current membership be reappointed. GB looking for members, have them submit in writing to either DVL or GB. Proposal of reducing meetings to once a month; members agreed that two meetings are necessary with the first meeting being a general meeting and the second meeting being used as subcommittee, guest speakers, etc.

1. EDUCATION

- a. Town Employees
- b. Homeowners and Other Residents
- c. Business Owners
- d. Primary School Education
- e. Educational signage
- f. Food Production & Consumption
- g. Outreach

2. WATER

- a. Regional Clean Water Coalition
- b. Surface Water Quality
- c. Education
- d. Regulated Water Conservation
- e. Water Treatment and Reuse
- f. Landscape Management
- g. Drinking Water Quality
- h. Groundwater Protection
- i. Stormwater Management – CF – Town working on improving consolidating MS4 Stormwater data into central GIS database.
- j. Wetlands Protection
- k. Floodplains
- l. Planning and Emergency Mgmt

3. ECONOMICS

- a. Sustainability Index – SC – we need a way to optimize changes that will lead to quicker planning, updating laws and implementation, it all needs to be tied into Sustainability. What we do here should tie back into the 400+ plan, what milestones have we achieved,

what is the budget cycle, infrastructure, this is in the hands of the Board.

- b. Green Business Development
- c. Resource Sharing
- d. Affordable Housing – JS – Initiative for affordable housing; rewrite accessory law to allow for a detached cottage/accessory apartment. Biggest barriers are the cost to build accessory apartments, taxes, income tax, etc.
- e. Sustainable Economy

4. LAND USE

- a. Climate Action Plan
- b. Land Use. – GB – working with the TOS to develop walking trails in Good Ground Park and provide hamlet to hamlet walking, it's an opportunity to get off trails and show up in different communities
- c. Open Space Preservation
- d. New Open space – JS- Micro Grid - Bob Fox is expecting a decision by 1/29, there were 29 competitors, potential funding source. NYSERDA stated the other possibility is to put CHP plan in place.
- e. Biomass Preservation
- f. Environmental Restoration
- g. Neighborhood Pattern and Design
- h. Heat Island Effect

5. TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY

- a. Idling Reduction
- b. Bicycle NP – working on developing momentum on bike share. Looking at economy of scale, one access

to the larger system. Good suburban model is the City of Long Beach that has a great bike share program.

- c. Complete Streets
- d. Demand – Reduce VMT
- e. Public Transportation
- f. Parking
- g. Reduced Emissions Alt Fuel - *CF – Looking at zero emissions again and at the cost for an electric charging station, possible Central Garage. NP – DEC's grant will fund almost the entire cost.*
- h. Neighborhood Pattern and Design
- i. Resilient Infrastructure

6. ENERGY / CARBON

- a. Long Term Energy Planning – *BC – looking to get regional code counsel with input from the region. NYS code is three path way to compliance, Southampton code which supersedes only has one pathway, first on the agenda is opening additional pathways.*
- b. Energy and Carbon
- c. Clean Energy Renewable –*GR – PSEG filed an update on 12/29, costs for energy has increased tremendously. Off shore wind contract was to be approved at the end of last year or early this year, there is the expectation that it will be announced at the Governors State of the State address.*
- d. Energy and Carbon Reduction
- e. Education –

7. GREEN BUILDING

- a. Sustainable New Construction
- b. Green Building Education.
- c. Water Efficiency in Buildings –*CF - Received NYS energy audit for Town Hall. Report covered heating and a few other areas (Lighting, occupancy sensors, etc.) Recommendation to go to water source heat pump system with two gas fueled boilers. BC - recommended to carefully look at loads to size system appropriately. CF - The current agreement with Southampton School to provide heat to Town Hall expires at end of 2017. We will be reviewing options with Town Board but will require an extension on agreement with school.*
- d. Heat Island Effect - Roofs

8. WASTE

- a. Municipal Facility Recycling
- b. Comprehensive E Waste Recycling
- c. Plastic Recycling
- d. Organic Waste

- e. Waste Education
- f. School Recycling/Trex
- g. Materials Exchange
- h. Paper
- i. Building waste
- j. Hazardous Waste
- k. Product Stewardship
- l. Long Term Waste Planning

9. QUALITY OF LIFE

- a. Promotion of Physical Activity
- b. Local Food
- c. Air Quality
- d. Facade Improvement
- e. Education
- f. Emergency Preparedness

10. STEWARDSHIP

- a. Trail Preservation -
- b. Historic Places
- c. Fisheries
- d. Nutrients in Environment
- e. Education Vacant Land
- f. Forest and Vegetation

***** Meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday January 17th, 2017 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***