

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 20, 2017 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. Von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), N. Palumbo (NP), J. Burmeister (JB), S. Carlin (SC), J. Scherer (JS), A. Reisman (AR), J. Barrows (JB)

Non-members present: Councilman J. Bouvier (CJB), C. Fetten (CF), L. Vosilla (LV)

Guests: C. Highsmith (CH), B. Fair (BF), D. Weir (DW)

Meeting was called to order at 4:08PM. Meeting minutes from June 6th, 2017 were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: CH – Our hope this that this Committee can assist us with houses being more energy interdependent, more sustainable while keeping the housing affordable through new legislation, tax levies and assisting in dialogues with contractors without burdening the borrower. We are looking for a way to use the best quality while maintaining the affordability and efficiencies. Homes are assessed at a lower price, taxes are lower than market so any cost to make housing self-sufficient does become part of the debt to income ratio and can offset those more qualified. DW – if it's Herra rated it could set a higher standard. CJB – Heating /Cooling are at the highest, solar energy sounds perfect to promote. The cost balance ratio, similar to septic systems can be used as a bargaining chip. NP – Can you describe the concept? CH – Southampton Housing Authority is a private entity, independent of the town but falls under State Law. JB If all parts of a building for each unit are fully integrated the building is of a higher standard. We should look at the whole picture not just the construction cost. –CH – JB maybe you can sit with us and show how to get there.

DVL – Sustainability 400+ plan has been brought up to determine if it needs updating. GB – Let's look at the plan and incorporate what issues/technology has changed. We would need a Town Board hearing to process and update the plan. CF - Include Town Board Resolutions for renewable energy resources, Town Codes in addition to technology and CPF. GB – it would be a big undertaking and would have to be broken into pieces. SC- document passed as living document, before a TB is a way to go. JS – Big undertaking and haven't implanted current plans, we can update as we see fit. Climate Smart Community (CSC) follows that outline but has more detail recommend compare those two documents. CF – Can you give a presentation on the program? JS- Massive range of topics. CF – with what has been submitted we have enough points to get certified. JS – we have a lot already, Mike has been collecting the data and going forward if you're going to update and see how it works together. DVL – I like that, if there's a document covering it all, it makes sense. Right now we are looking at getting bronze - there is a litany of things we can do that are already laid out. SC- shouldn't we look at silver? AR – Completely agree, lots of thought really could find something 400+ plan and amend not committed to in specifics. JS - Mike will come and present at our next meeting, I will confirm Dark Skies will be presenting also.

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
- j. Wetlands Protection
- k. Floodplains
- l. Planning and Emergency Mgmt

3. ECONOMICS

- a. Sustainability Index
- b. Green Business Development
- c. Resource Sharing
- d. Affordable Housing
- e. Sustainable Economy

4. LAND USE

- a. Climate Action Plan
- b. Land Use
- c. Open Space Preservation
- d. New Open space
- e. Biomass Preservation
- f. Environmental Restoration
- g. Neighborhood Pattern and Design
- h. Heat Island Effect

5. TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY

- a. Idling Reduction
- b. Bicycle
- c. Complete Streets
- d. Demand – Reduce VMT
- e. Public Transportation
- f. Parking
- g. Reduced Emissions Alt Fuel
- h. Neighborhood Pattern and Design
- i. Resilient Infrastructure

6. ENERGY / CARBON

- a. Long Term Energy Planning
- b. Energy and Carbon
- c. Clean Energy Renewable
- d. Energy and Carbon Reduction
- e. Education –

7. GREEN BUILDING

- a. Sustainable New Construction
- b. Green Building Education.
- c. Water Efficiency in Buildings
- 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 – AR – *Tupper Boathouse is moving forward, second request for bids are due back mid-July. North Sea Maritime Center Stewardship is looking to incorporate neighborhood groups, SYS (Southampton Youth Services) and form a partnership when we are closer to being ready. CJB – speak to Kristen Doulos, AR – its high on our list.*
- c. Fisheries
- d. Nutrients in Environment
- e. Education Vacant Land
- f. Forest and Vegetation

***** Meeting was adjourned at 5:21PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 18th, 2017 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***

***Additional 2017 Meeting Dates:
July 18th, Aug. 1st, Aug. 15th, Sept. 5th, Sept. 19th, Oct 3rd, Oct. 17th, Nov. 7th, Nov 21st, Dec. 5th, Dec. 19th***