

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: G. Berk (GB), S. Carlin (SC), L. Arthur (LA), N. Palumbo (NP), J. Burmeister (JB), J. Scherer (JS)

Non-members present: Councilman J. Bouvier (CJB), F. Zappone (FZ), L. James (LJ), J. Glorioso (JG), L. Vosilla (LV)

Guest Speakers: Surfriders –Chapter Chair: A. Brosnan (AB), Chapter Vice-Chair: K. Fuche; Chapter Coordinator C. Henn (CH), Volunteer Coordinator: C. Munaco (CM), Executive At Large: S. Mahoney (SM)

Meeting was called to order at 4:05PM. Meeting minutes from January 16, 2018 were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: A short video was played showing a large garbage patch floating in the ocean as a lead in to Surfriders whose mission is dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's ocean, waves and beaches through a powerful activist network. CH The Surfrider Foundation Eastern Long Island Chapter's Blue Water Task Force provides critical water quality information to protect public health, raise awareness of local water pollution. We go every week during the summer and take samples from East Quogue to Montauk for testing, over 50 sites to educate locals on the Water Quality and EPA standards. Our programs or geared for ongoing education and our Campaigns reach out to the decision makers. SM over a year ago we received grants to take a site in East Hampton and make it environmental friendly; it's changed public opinion. The garden filters pollutants, conserves water and wildlife habitats and retains rain as the first source of irrigation. GB how do we use information to educate? SM children, East Hampton Middle School; Student Association educates them on how bio swales work. KF we are currently working on Sky Lanterns campaign. Currently it is legal in NYS for each person to release 25 balloons per day which causes harm to the water, marine animals and land animals. Our current campaign is looking to ban the intentional release of balloons/sky lanterns; start at the bottom, get the support of locals. CH collecting letters from environmental groups and individuals. CM Trash Cans at public beaches and parks the town currently has 2 to 4 men with town trucks from East Quogue to Sagaponack daily emptying trash cans/bins from buildings and they are not emptied efficiently. Cans are filled with household garbage, why should we pay to empty someone's trash? Policies at beaches isn't working, cans are overfilled and animals get into them and cause harm. SM – Southampton and most East End Long Island has legislation written for recyclable waste when there's an economic market. People are told to separate it at the transfer stations; single stream recycling, we need to reduce the amount that goes into the stream. GB – C. Fettes isn't available today, she would be the best person to respond. AB Plastic Straws – Marie at 10 year old challenged her friends to stop using straws; we are proposing a straw less summer. We have some restaurants who have agreed to use paper straws and only if the customer requests a straw. SC plastic stirers should be included. LA can we give some visibility to the campaign add it to the town's website? JS talk with Bridget Fleming. For more information on Surfriders, visit their website: <https://easternli.surfrider.org/>

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
- c. Fisheries
- d. Nutrients in Environment
- e. Education Vacant Land
- f. Forest and Vegetation

***** Meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***

Additional 2018 Meeting Dates:

Feb. 20th, March 6th & 20th, April 3rd & 17th, May 1st & 15th, June 5th & 19th, July 3rd & July 17th, August 7th & 21st, Sept. 4th & 18th, Oct. 2nd & Oct. 16th, Nov. 20th, Dec. 4th & 18th