

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 21, 2018 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), G. Raacke (GR), J. Glorioso (JG), T. Brolin (TB), L. Arthur (LA)

Non-members present: S. Hunnewell (SH), J. Ewing (JE), M. Lieberman (ML), L. Vosilla (LV)

Meeting was called to order at 4:08PM. Meeting minutes from were accepted with one change, J. Glorioso was listed twice.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: LA – PSEG released it 2.0 capacity plan for next year. Comments are being accepted through August 30th, 2018; a number of people who have collaborated on it shows net metering ending next year and going to VEDR, more to come. Outside people with organizational influences can affect the stakeholders. GR - Town /Committee can submit a response. DVL – with advice of Lynn, Christine, Janice and Frank may be best way to proceed. GR – if Southampton is doing it I can see if East Hampton will join. LA – I’ve spoken with S. Chu; Battery initiative is all positive that we didn’t see coming. TB – who approved it? LA – motivated by LIPA, Long Island Industry Association submitted a letter and signed onto it. LIPA board approved it. I was voted Energy Chair for LI Sierra Club which gives me a lot of flexibility in how I design the program. I think it’s an opportunity to establish 100% renewable energy with the East End focus on solarized for five towns, it’s a great program on the South Fork but nothing elsewhere. There is one year left on net metering; to get solar now. TB – are there rebates? LA the technology is great, they have 25 year bumper to bumper coverage and even adopted the availability to put in smaller systems so a person can hedge a portion of their bill, save money while helping the environment. Still collecting signatures to encourage Governor Cuomo to sign the bill requiring transparency from LIPA when planning new pole/line installations and encourage people to sign up on <https://www.change.org>, currently we have over 200 signatures on paper.

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 *JE – contacted local schools to see if we can present a film programs, so far we contacted 11 schools and ten are interested. Can we do a film somewhere local to reach more people? DVL – Please keep in mind our own TV station – the Town has resources for that – they take ideas and turn it into movies. GB – Show “Plastic Oceans” in Town Hall – free presentation; what would it take? Talk to J. Bouvier & F. Zappone. SH how do we reach property managers? How can we educate them on Green Zones? DVL the town is leading by example. GR – Contractors build houses, maybe our members B. Chaleff or J. Barrows could help, they are in the same circle.*

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 – *JG sub-committee is meeting tomorrow to finalize our recommendations. We have been meeting with restaurants to see if they object to the ban, most do not use them now. ML – how about Sabrosa – they are eco-friendly and seem to have it right. We may be able to leverage their concept for being eco-friendly with other restaurants. DVL – we need real data – how many plastic straws are currently being used this was when we go to the Town Board we have real numbers to work off of, I think it will be a staggering amount. JE – we have heard J. Winters from Winters Brothers speak, do you think we should see if he can attend one of our meetings? DVL – yes, please arrange it.*
- d. Waste Education
- e. School Recycling/Trex

- f. Materials Exchange
- g. Paper
- h. Building waste
- i. Hazardous Waste
- j. Product Stewardship
- k. 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 5:29PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***

Additional 2018 Meeting Dates:

Sept. 4th & 18th, Oct. 2nd & Oct. 16th, Nov. 20th, Dec. 4th & 18th