

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 4, 2018 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: G. Berk (GB), T. Brolin (TB), J. Glorioso (JG), G. Raacke (GR), N. Palumbo (NP), J. Barrows (JB)

Non-members present: Councilperson J. Bouvier (CJB), Councilperson J. Lofstad (CJL), C. Fetten (CF), S. Hunnewell (SH), J. Ewing (JE), L. Vosilla (LV)

Meeting was called to order at 4:06PM. Meeting minutes from August 21, 2018 were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: TB presented a presentation of Styrofoam and Straws to the Sustainability Committee. Presentation referenced Village of East Hamptons Local Law as a starting point which could be modified as needed. TB – local towns influence the next level up the County and so on. Legislator Kara Hahn is asking restaurants to give out plastic straws only when a customer asks for one, or use paper straws. SH - Cowfish/Rumba use 500k annually. GB summer explodes. TB we extrapolating from U.S. data, Southampton discards about 13million straws and 5 million Styrofoam cups/year which we think is a conservative number. Recycling plastics sub-committee members have reached out to food service establishments within the Town of Southampton to see if they would be willing to provide non-plastic straws/or straws upon request. 79 out of approximately 240 restaurants surveyed 78 supported or had no objection to eliminating or utilizing non-plastic straws; one has to check with corporate. CJB – I think more retail/restaurants need to be surveyed; initiatives with the County. CJB – I would like to see the tabulations; questions asked. The more data and buy in the better it will be perceived. TB – we would need to attend the Town’s work session, public hearing and then meet with individual Town Board members. CF what about coolers; used for fishing and markets. TB – alternatives ban coolers – Styrofoam. CJL – farmers market uses ice in bags for bait; there is an acceptable level of inconvenience.

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 (HS, Jr. HS) to see if they would present films like Ocean Straws to their student classes. Four out of the eleven classes responded. Films are in conjunction with Atlantic Marine Conservation Society and Group For The East End. JG - The higher the class level the more in-depth the film can be; longer. JE we have to get the students to educate their parents. GB- the challenge is to find time in the curriculum. JE – maybe in Health; Environment. GB – it’s a good start.*

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 – *NP Car free day is Sept. 21, 2018, how can we get the Town involved. Car Free Day Long Island will send all promo material; the organization will send people to get them to sign up. CF – I will follow up with T. Neely*
- 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 5:33PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***

Additional 2018 Meeting Dates:

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