

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 Southampton Town Hall

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

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

Guest Speaker: Winter Brothers – Will Flowers (WF), Darr Reilly (DR)

Meeting was called to order at 4:08PM. Meeting minutes from September 4th, 2018 were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: WF – Does recycling have a future? Yes, it will be changing. In general we have not been good recyclers. The hardest item to recycle is glass- its excellent recycling but the hardest to recycle – it’s a danger to workers and if it breaks prior to separation it could become contaminated. In the past paper/plastics was not a problem, since Jan. it is now a problem the standard has moved from 5% contamination to 0.5% making it very difficult. There are two types of recycling streams; single stream- where all recycling goes into one bin and dual stream - where cardboard/paper goes into one bin and tins/cans go into a second bin. Plastic is rated on a 1 thru 7 scale; #1 is PET or PETE (polyethylene terephthalate) its equivalent to a water bottle; #2 is equivalent to a plastic milk or detergent container, for which there is a market. #3-7 (polyvinyl chloride to polypropylene and polystyrene) there is not a market. Recycling is in a crises the cost collection, processing is going up while the revenue has gone down. CJB – lot of labor in the modern stream, how is it balanced? WF – it isn’t right now. Technology; optical sorting is the most advance technology. SIMS facility in Red Hook has optical sorters on top of optical sorters, they’re the most efficient. DVL has the plastic bag ban helped? WF – yes, the government has and needs to implement changes/bans. JE what can municipalities’ do? WF – continue looking at recycling, more education in recycling the right material.

LA - We had a 100% Renewable Electric Energy Work Session where Frank led the discussion. There are two ways to impact energy usage – Reduce demand or Increase supply. Residential we are doing better than other municipalities, but based on the current rooftop solar adoption rate we are not going to get there by 2025. Deepwater Wind’s capacity is 15 turbines which will generate 90 MW, by the time it reached Wainscott substation it will average 34 MW and it will not benefit Southampton. CCA (Community Choice Aggregation) allows Towns to aggregate rate payers and helps create competitive pricing on renewable energy at a lower cost. The milestones to get to CCA: Notice for Public Hearing>Series of Public Hearings>Adopt Local Law>Issue RFP>Select CCA Administrator>Submit Implementation Plan to NYSEERDA>Request Load Data>RFP>Award. TB what is the effect on individuals? LA its working elsewhere – Westchester it’s now Westchester Power where there are 26 municipalities and it keeps growing, 150,000 residents who are automatically enrolled/opt in but can opt out at any time. Since 2016 – Capital Westchester Power has saved \$10 million in costs under ConEd and another Energy company. We believe LIPA will compete; ConEd was the suppler in Westchester and they competed. GR Southampton would still be using LIPA’s GRID. JS – any energy savings goes back to everyone. CF – PSEG put in money in different sections of Sustainability. JE – How can we legislate it? LA there is already local law. Working with LIPA in a partnership – LIPA’s Utility 2.0 is promising.

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 – *JG – It's a slow progression. I will reach out to a few of the restaurants to discuss their use of plastic straws.*

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 5:52PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***

Additional 2018 Meeting Dates:

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