

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), A. Reisman (AR), N. Palumbo (NP), J. Burmeister (JB), G. Anthony (GA),

Non-members present: Councilwoman J. Lofstad (CJL), F. Zappone (FZ), Trustee A. Welker (AW), C. Fetten (CF), J. Keller (JK), E. Engel-Snow (ES), L. Vosilla (LV)

Guest Speaker: East Hampton Town Trustee Susan McCraw-Keber (SMK), C. Henn Surfriders (CH)

Meeting was called to order at 4:03PM. Meeting minutes from were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: SMK presented East Hampton’s proposal to ban the intentional release of balloons. Suffolk County law currently allows an individual to release up to 25 balloons each day. Latex is bio-degradable, but not once it is in a balloon form. Mylar balloons have caused electric outages and are not bio-degradable. The presentation is geared for children, some pictures are disturbing but educating them will help. DVL why not go for the ban; give stores a time period to use up their supplies – take a stronger position. CJL Suffolk’s wording each person up to 25 balloons for every 24 hours, what will your law say? SMK no intentional release. DVL can we override Suffolk County Law. FZ – municipalities can be more restrictive not less. AW I will mentioned it to the trustees and get a read on how they feel. CH we need solidarity, perception might be limited. SMK I love the initiative of a full ban, if you can accomplish that it would be hugh. CH Surfrider’s beach cleanup for 30 beaches 774 balloons, in Southampton 164 balloons, the information is available. GB get a copy of EH legislation as it will be a good first step. SMK East Hampton will be voting on ban Feb.7, 2019 meeting starts at 6:30pm.

FZ Earth day celebration has been tentatively set for April 27, 2019 at Good Ground Park (GGP) from 10am -3pm. Last year we had electric vehicles as a focus. We are looking for suggestions and volunteers. Floated the idea of: How you engage in Nature, The Impact Nature has on you, How to get out in Nature. GB Southampton Trails Preservation can lead a hike on the trail that they created in GGP and man a table with information on the 300+ miles of trails in the Town. FZ T. Neely has been working on South Fork Commuter Connection to have people utilize trains/buses instead of their cars, program starts March 4th. Maybe promote bike share to connect to train depots. Make the event broad base. Every year the Loins’ Club has a race over the Bridge in Hampton Bays, 5-10k it’s a fall event that normally terminates at the middle school, maybe we can terminate it at GGP. GB will there be food vendors? FZ we have tried but if the vendor gets a better offer, they take it. We would like to have advertising with details in place by April 1st. There will be a ceremonial event with a local landscaper planting a holiday tree in the park. CF get schools involved with the balloon ban issue – make a bird seed balloon. FZ we are inviting the tiny house again. Last year we drew between 400-600 people. ES maybe a farmers market would work? FZ excellent suggestion, will have to take it off line.

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 *NP- I have images of the locations were the poles are an issue. These new poles don't bend or move. Conversation didn't advance.*
 - i. Resilient Infrastructure
- 6. ENERGY / CARBON**
- a. Long Term Energy Planning *DVL CCA I've been to a number of meetings, interest is good, very positive. Town Board should go that route, a basic law to check it out. FZ our next Board meeting is Feb. 26th, public comments end Feb.22.*
 - 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 *DVL Councilwoman Scalera has lent her support for quiet communities. The push to ban noisy equipment, gas leaf blowers. Southampton Village is looking to ban gas blowers for 3-4 months. NP There's an event on Mar. 29, 2019 landscaping industry in cooperation with Quiet Community – trying to get Estate managers at the Spur. Need sponsors.*
- 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 5:43PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.**

Additional 2019 Meeting Dates:

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