

## **Town of Southampton**

### **Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 7, 2019 Southampton Town Hall**

**Members present: G. Berk (GB), T. Brolin (TB), J. Burmeister (JB), E. Engel-Snow (ES), G. Anthony (GA), L. Arthur (LA)**

**Non-members present: Councilman J. Bouvier (CJB), F. Zappone (FZ), C. Fetten (CF), M. Leiberman (ML), L. Vosilla (LV)**

**Meeting was called to order at 4:06 PM. Meeting minutes from April 16, 2019 were accepted with the removal of “it was recognized and JB” and start with BC.**

#### **Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components**

Quiet Communities – GB we need a group to research banning of leaf blowers similar to the Village. We need to get beyond village people and get to the landscapers. TB–DVL asked for volunteers S. Hunnewell and J. Ewing have volunteered. CF – we need an education outreach; residential lawn care to local people. LA I have a Homeowners Association rolodex, which we may be able to use for all outreach projects.

Balloons – GB received an email from Councilperson Lofstad (CJL) who would like to move forward with the balloon ban, ES can you update us? ES could not go very far last time I brought the research and started looking into what businesses in Southampton sell balloons. I’ve gathered as much info as I could on the internet and by calling but I wasn’t sure where to go from there. I want to make sure we are on the same page as the town. GB met with CJL and she wants to move forward. TB consensus is to ban helium and the release. GB since CJL ban for release is the first step. TB decide what we want, I doubt she would object. Subcommittee needs to do more work. GB I’ll email CJL, let her know more research is needed. CJB reference county law. CF a lot of people who bring in balloons from out of town. ES timeframe to get rid of their supplies. ML ban sale and release.

Note: While leaving Town Hall GB and ES met CJL in the parking lot. CJL will submit a balloon release ban to the Town Board probably at the next meeting. The sub-committee will continue its research to provide the information needed for the Town Board to approve an additional resolution banning both the sale and release of helium filled balloons.

Earth Day – LA moved to May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, so far there has been no fallout. Doing more advertising and will work with C. Conway to get advertising into Press. Helen is getting flyers handed out to the schools. On the back of the flyers is Community Service credit forms. DK in CRC printed signs. FZ – heard some of the ads. We have an arrangement with three radio stations: Beach, 107.1 and VPPN for advertising and they put the info on their website.

LA – Town of East Hampton work session was held on 3/18/19 with South Fork Peak Savers proposing to pay an estimated \$200k over four years to run ten 100% carbon based Emergency Generators (EG) when needed during peak time, to generate electricity for facilities attached, thereby curtailing (decreasing) that facility’s electric load. AEG told EH Board members they might have service interruption as a result of peak and compared EG GHG emission to PSEG Peakers. Issues: No environmental review- new 2019 SEQRA requires analysis of GHG emissions; Impact on public health, Inconsistent with and perhaps violation of local code to name a few. LA proposed the committee make recommendation to TB, letter from Town Planning to LIPA and Villages. CJB were not formally approached. CJB asked Planning to contact EH, inquire whether same town code 'change of use' issue in East Hampton. CF letter good idea recap planning in conjunction with legal (PSEG/LIPA), pursue as partner. JB what exactly are they proposing? FZ proposal reads contract. ML Janice/Kyle might have a better idea.

LA as a committee to we agree to pursue or disregard? FZ involve the hospital maybe. LA I have copy of contract will send. GB good first step and revisit as smaller committee to draft recommendation to TB.

## 1. EDUCATION

- a. Town Employees
- b. Homeowners and Other Residents
- c. Business Owners
- d. Primary School Education
- e. Educational signage *FZ flyers banning plastic straws and Styrofoam go into effect 5/8/19; flyers available in Spanish. CJB grace period for Polystyrene foam.*
- 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 – *ML Town was awarded a \$700k TAP grant from NYS and the town is putting up \$200k to connect points of interest in the hamlets to parks to transportation. FZ portions of the park gets state funding for cutting a multi use trail through GGP. ML all trails continuing on LI; if/when extending the trails in NY each will be up to their standard; pavement, ambulance to pass, hiking and bicycling. FZ Path will be in accordance with ADA.*

- 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 5:23PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***

***Additional 2019 Meeting Dates: May 21<sup>st</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>***