

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 4, 2019 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: G. Berk (GB), N. Palumbo (NP), J. Burmeister (JB), G. Anthony (GA), E. Engel-Snow (ES), J. Gloriso (JG), J. Scherer (JS), T. Brolin (TB), S. Hunnewell (SH), J. Ewing (JE), L. Arthur (LA), H. Roussel (HR)

Non-members present: Councilman J. Bouvier (CJB), Councilwoman J. Lofstad (CJL), M. Reichert (MR – Town Attorney), L. Vosilla (LV),

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM. Meeting minutes from were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: CJL – June 11th at 1PM is a public hearing, legislation M. Reichert prepared. Before a full ban ask how much of the business' income is based on balloons before moving forward. Intentional release is a no brainer, we need to hear from everyone we can always amend and move forward. MR notice of public hearing draft is nearly identical to East Hampton's law, covers exactly same as East Hampton, I didn't find any banning on the sales of balloons. TB we have two Nantucket and Providencetown. GA Rhode Island, Florida, New Jersey, California, Tennessee, Virginia all have banned the sale of balloons. TB does it make sense to include a ban on helium filled balloons, is it appropriate? MR Helium filled balloons, all balloons fisherman use for part of fishing, not limited to balloon drops indoors, let's open balloons to lighter than air filled balloons, caterers, events it's different. TB assuming ban on lighter than air proposed amendment to the law; make it a separate law. MR public hearing is based on a draft if there is enough comments the board can close the hearing and opt for a new draft and add more. The Board wants to have the full picture. CJB ban the intentional release, JG I kind of agree and like NP said we don't want to confuse the public. Public doesn't want to be told what to do. CJL it's a small step getting people used to something. MR banning balloons will require further legal research. NY or Town Law who has the authority to ban sale of certain items. LA I agree with CJL. TB lets follow the process- do research, impact on town come up with recommendation(s) and be able to answer questioned presented to you. CJL ban intentional release. MR yes. CJB inform part of public hearing is part of the process so we can make informed decision.

Quiet Communities – GB DVL is the driver. HR wants to help. Quiet Communities is a non-for-profit company. There is a quiet zone in East Quogue and the mandate was to expand to all town parks, leading by example. Under Councilwoman Scalera she did not seek legislation but through outreach and education – the towns' intention was by transforming their own practices. SH we should ban all gas lawn equipment. HR who's leading legislation? NP Sub-committee should speak with Quiet Communities, conversations leverage healthier lifestyle and environment.

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

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 *JS Water Quality Committee is looking at strategies for drainage, Stormwater as a multi prong, biggest bang for buck in long range*

2. WATER

- a. Regional Clean Water Coalition

planning, competitive grant program. In Mill Pond we would remove Carp and erect two floating wetlands. At Mecox Bay – observatory based on real time science. People getting together to solve problems, Associations can help themselves.

CJB we should require electrical changes needing permits and inspections. LA Town code modification requiring permits. JS – if it's not listed in the code its assumed prohibited.

- j. Wetlands Protection
- k. Floodplains
- l. Planning and Emergency Mgmt

- b. Energy and Carbon
- c. Clean Energy Renewable
- d. Energy and Carbon Reduction
- e. Education –

3. ECONOMICS

7. GREEN BUILDING

- a. Sustainability Index
- b. Green Business Development
- c. Resource Sharing
- d. Affordable Housing
- e. Sustainable Economy

- a. Sustainable New Construction
- b. Green Building Education.
- c. Water Efficiency in Buildings
- d. Heat Island Effect - Roofs

4. LAND USE

8. WASTE

- 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

- 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

5. TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY

- a. Idling Reduction
- b. Bicycle *NP Zagster is launching in several communities Bay Shore, Patchogue, and Huntington but still looking for a local sponsor.*
- 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

9. QUALITY OF LIFE

- a. Promotion of Physical Activity
- b. Local Food
- c. Air Quality
- d. Facade Improvement
- e. Education
- f. Emergency Preparedness

6. ENERGY / CARBON

- a. Long Term Energy Planning - *LA South Fork Wind Farm is as we have assumed all along, the issue is where the cables will be permitted to make landfall. Article 7 Public hearing is scheduled for June 11. It is a formal proceeding initiated by the NYS Public Service Commission and contains Environmental review. SH this hasn't happened? LA there looking at two sites; Heather Hills and Wainscott, where cable must connect to the substation. If HH is selected, East Hampton loses \$9 million in community benefit funding. As of Jan.2019 AEG PSEG's sub-contractor is missing it curtailment target by 30% and are looking to use fossil fueled Emergency Generators.*

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 5:42PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***

Additional 2019 Meeting Dates: June 18th, July 2nd & 16th, Aug. 6th & 20th, Sept. 3rd & 17th, Oct. 1st & 15th, Nov. 19th, Dec. 3rd & 17th