

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: G. Berk (GB), D. von Lehsten (DVL), N. Palumbo (NP), G. Anthony (GA), E. Engel-Snow (ES), J. Gloriso (JG), T. Brolin (TB), J. Ewing (JE), L. Arthur (LA), H. Roussel (HR), V. Gorman (VG)

Non-members present: C. Fetten (CF), M. Leiberman (ML), L. Vosilla (LV)

Guest Speaker: S. Firoe (SF) owner of Hampton Balloons

Meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM. Meeting minutes from were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: GB Review of the Work Session deck. LA the committee report of recommendations yearly. We will have limited time so we will not be able to review everything. We figured JS should present the chart on Green Building Topics. ML recommend adding the discussion of Climate Smart Community and Climate Action Plan. LA Energy right after that. I've color coded the policies, programs and projects. Education Topics I met with CF and made changes. Education will look like and include face to face outreach. Waste Management and other water (waste, storm water) Town programs. NP is the report on activity of this committee? Or what the town has done as a direct result of this committee? Bullet it. JG Short and sweet. NP looking forward. DVL leery of getting into a general area. TB historically its intended report by the committee to the town gave charter recommendations to the town, not charter for the town. I agree with DVL other things hold us responsible. CF LED lighting was a conversation that took place here. NP we provide the information. CF end of the day it intricately moved it forward, it moved the needle, initiated, strongly influenced, advisory suggested. DVL Preamble listing. GB embracing 400+ action plan. NP why separate the two it's already doing it – grew out to a larger town effort. GA action taken in conjunction. LA combine kick off transitions open with step back look at success over course of the year, Green Zone, Quite Communities, Ponquogue Pavilion.

DVL – SF owner of Hampton Balloons. SF currently it is allowed for 25 balloons to be released at one time, we see no reason for this. We are Pro-environment and there are different reports which support different views. Since 2015 we have used rubber tress to make our latex balloons. Stats with consumer latex vs oak leaf -they each take about four years; studies show the percentage of debris. How to go about educating, promoting pro-allegiance to minimize the impact on the environment. We encourage not lettings balloons go, don't use helium, breakdown décor, reuse ribbons, recycle with five gallon buckets and when needed dispose of properly, we inform the consumer. EH ban myler because it took out a transformer. Our stance is environmentally friendly and responsible. JG do you recycle? SF Rubber is a bio and photo rated degradable. Helium floats up, air filled break. JG recycle back to the company? SF balloons are not marine degradable. DVL not being marine degradable and that's where the problem is. TB appreciate what you're saying, but I don't agree balloons are biodegradable. SF Qualatex all their balloons are. JG do you use helium in your store? SF yes indoor use, on framework (décor), all are individually weighted, never moved loose. JE are others practicing same policy? QBN (Qualatex Balloon Network) members yes its good business practice, environmentally friendly and responsible. TB how many myler balloons do you sell each year? SF it's about 15% of our business, approximately 400 total and New Year's Eve indoor décor. Myler balloons are reusable and we refill them. HR how many? SF not sure but we even have myler walkers, some customers have had the same balloon for six years. SF I don't think many deliberately let them go. We turned down a job in Mattituck customer wanted to release balloons. DVL thank you.

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
- 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 PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***

Additional 2019 Meeting Dates:

July 2nd & 16th, Aug. 6th & 20th, Sept. 3rd & 17th, Oct. 1st & 15th, Nov. 19th, Dec. 3rd & 17th