

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), G. Anthony (GA), T. Brolin (TB), J. Burmeister (JB), K. Allan (KA), J. Scherer (JS), J. Glorioso (JG), J. Barrows (JB1), S. Carlin (SC)

Non-members present: Councilman J. Bouvier (CJB), C. Fetten (CF), M. Lieberman (ML), L. Vosilla (LV), M. Haubner (MH), D. Reilly (DR) P. Meever (PM),

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM. Meeting minutes from were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: **Trees – Updating Town Code Clearing Restrictions outside APOD:** ML Aquifer Protection Overlay District (APOD) limits the clearing allowed based upon lot size. Anyone on the Green Committee who wants to be involved. GB I can help as my role on the Planning Board is a good bridge. CJB this goes to a topic I wanted to bring forward. Can you get an agenda together for next year on what you're going to bring forward, for example – energy, carbon neutral focus on long term goals, alternatives if CCA doesn't meet reduction goals. GB Recent strategies have focused on low hanging fruit or committee members whose passion about a specific topic. CBJ if CCA doesn't work we need alternate ways to be carbon neutral. DVL what can we do? Where do you need us? CJB policy is important, it's evident energy is a concern, carbon neutral, gas reductions, solid waste and shared services. Sit with JS & ML for a comprehensive goal, things shift and better direction, help guide the efforts. GB suggest best way to focus. CJB schedule a meeting with me, include ML, JS, DVL and GB. LED's bulbs replaced old style ones throughout the town, but not all departments have the same goals; we need more interaction with departments heads to meet our goals. ML inclusive before meeting, interact with committees, come up with ideas- expand upon them. DVL we prefer board preference. CJB just lay them out; feedback who does this more efficiently; policy and unwritten. ML twofold town board & department heads are held accountable and the committee is important to us, our needs change. **Climate Action Plan (CAP)/Climate Smart Community (CSC)** - ML Currently we are at Bronze which was 180, silver is 300 points. Our bronze label is good for five years, we have two more years left. We need to resubmit, the state has changed action points in some cases from three to ten points and some do not exist. TB CAP is one thing is CSC same thing? ML it's both. CSC program needs CAP to be updated, benchmark that updates; if stalled work on it. TB CAP is a guiding action which leads to carbon neutral. ML adoption doesn't lay out how to reach carbon neutral it references energy blueprint thru CCA – seems like a plan for a plan for a plan. Energy resilience action items are more direct. DVL timeline? ML I will get back to you. CBJ if CCA doesn't pan out we need alternatives. DVL timeline for what to shoot for? CJB fold into the agenda, milestones. **Gas Leaf Blowers/Balloons** - DVL we are ready to present. CJB - call J. Wilson to set it up. **Plastics** - DVL Do we ban thicker plastic bags? GB it's part of the bigger picture. JG future how about incentivizing businesses to give a percentage off of the cost if someone brings their own cups/take home containers, etc. DVL education didn't do enough.

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 *ML sustainable waste composting food, education component. GB one component the town can do is stop selling plastic water bottles at the beaches and prohibit the use of plastic water bottles at town facilities (town hall/senior centers for example). 400+ plan resources – how to go after it. DR look at the future 2040 big picture how best to tackle it, shift priorities. JS future is now. TB determine the mechanism, have Town Board pass legislation. JBI start with the big picture find the benefit. Link to 400+ Plan:*
<http://www.southamptontownny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2260/Southampton-Sustainability-Plan-Final-PDF>

- 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 - *MH The project has taken off better than anyone could have expected. Community engagement, teachers are eager to participate. We can get 1,500 saplings but need volunteers and suggestions on where to put them. ML have you spoken to M. Shea he heads Conservation Dept and could be guidance. CJB trails system may work, but not knowing the soil or type may bring opportunity, become protectors inherent a home for observatory. DVL: besides JE & yourself. JB I'm willing. JG I will get back to you*

**** Meeting was adjourned at 5:39PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.**

Additional 2019 Meeting Dates: Dec. 3rd & 17th