

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 VIA ZOOM

Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), T. Brolin (TB), M. Lieberman (ML)

Non-members present: Councilman J. Bouvier (CJB), Gordian Raacke (GR), L. Vosilla (LV)

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM. Meeting minutes from June 2, 2020 were accepted

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview as expanded below: GB I asked NP to update us the education material for Lynn to use as part of the education campaign. It may need to be edited. CJB looking to secure funds for Lynn and pull together current codes as it relates to gas blowers; inform everyone what we are trying to do. DVL I had a long meeting with C. Scalera a lot of work has already been done. CJB review it whatever graphic outreach once we get Lynn funded we can start working on it. Graphics for the website, transmitted to others, the verbiage needs to be correct. Once we get her invoiced its easily transferable. CJB the easier transition is what we do before a code change. DVL everything is ready for public hearing, it's been ready. TB Has public hearings started? Are they using Zoom? GB Yes but the items are being tabled. Taxpayers can become part of the public meeting by contacting Town Hall. GB so much else is taking priority, environmental things are falling by the wayside. CJB let's set up a Zoom call to review what has been done and draft something to post on the website. The Supervisor recommended incentives to help convert from electric, it's the right thing to do and might be a great way to move forward. C. Scalera expects to hear from DVL.

TB mentioned helium balloons, we were ready for public hearing. CJB opinions seem to differ over time. Go back to where we were and schedule another work session. TB I think it's confirmed already as a state requirement. CJB The NYS law refers to tethered, balloons to lift candles and was part of initial research. The law is already in place loss of balloons, shredding, impact on wildlife, and garbage on our beaches, let's refresh everyone. Huddle and repeat. TB push back during 1st meeting was Jay, he suggested a survey which we did. It came back 80% was in favor of ban. It's a great way to lead in more support for balloon ban than CCA.

ML HERS like code for commercial properties, stretch codes are not entirely applicable to commercial. N Lewis has been persuading commercials and stretch codes. GB non APOD clearing, not expand, suggestions rule code changes to not allow developer to clear cut. ML APOD is justified based on aquifer. More approachable lower hanging fruit to win developers approval if we move forward a focus on preventing old growth from being chopped down. GB agree just not clearcutting the lot. CJB great idea but how complex would that be? ML how do we determine what's old growth, verify, lots pf trees not wide or tall but are old. I will discuss with M Shea. ML building code update East Hampton is looking at NY stretch code for same reasons, I'll stay in touch and maybe we can do it at the same time. ML it's not the best time to make decisions, stretch codes, HERS, larger scale solar needs to be put to forefront of our workload. TB What if any is J Barrows or other contractor's thoughts on stretch code? ML what they said was HERS builders weren't excited now it allows them to market themselves in other ways. Reference different municipalities carbon neutral goal, being done assuming builders are part of that; Beacon is part of it and NYSERDA is helpful. ML fill in short fall inconsistencies make stretch code stronger. TB quick question: East Hamptons plan was to have 100% renewal able energy by 2020, was that met? GR goal was set in 2014 when offshore wind farm was a key component. Another goal is looking at three sectors: transportation, heating and electric by 2030.

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 *GB Any code change for fuel cell? CBJ no, B. Fleming is working on fuel cells, wireless, electricity, I'm expecting her to send me a letter. They tried on the North Fork and considered putting in fuel cells in the WH area on DEC site. ML there was some initiatives PSEG put out contracts. DVL Does Lynn knows about it, she met with one company a while back, I'll reach out.*
- 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 4:42 PM. Please be advised that our next meeting TBD.***

Additional 2020 Meeting Dates: July TBD, Aug 4th & 18th, Sept 1st, & 15th, Oct 6th & 20th, Nov 17th, Dec 1st & 15th