

**Town of Southampton**

**Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 6, 2020 VIA ZOOM**

**Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), T. Brolin (TB), M. Lieberman (ML), L. Arthur (LA), N. Palumbo (NP), J Barrows (JB), J. Ewing (JE), S. Hunnewell (SH)**

**Non-members present: Councilman J. Bouvier (CJB), C. Fetten (CF), L. Vosilla (LV)**

**Meeting was called to order at 4 PM.**

**Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components**

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: GB – how aggressive should we be with leaf blowers and balloons? CJB - leaf blowers are different; we need to get the educating part before revisiting the board. Helium balloons need to go through public hearings, bring in speakers but we are monitoring room capacity. GB – we need to get on a Town Board Work Session to implement the ban. CJB Ask Janice Wilson for a slot on a Work Session and I will look at the law and poll the board. LA - we need a communication plan for CCA. Briefly, Assemblyman F. Thiele is working on legislation and has been a great supporter. PSEG has no oversight, there is a need for legislation. The Town Board should pass a memorializing resolution in support of the legislation. GB – isn't Legislative out of session? LA - it's already been approved by the assembly. CJB - it should be on the governor's desk. LA – can we / should we send a letter in support of the legislation. CJB – come Thursday we have Work Session the entire board will be there. LA – Fuel cells at Stop and Shop in Hampton Bays. I'd like to send a letter to the board not to do this. Are you okay with it? How quickly can we get it signed by everyone on the committee? CJB – I'm okay with it but you should have a discussion; touch base with F. Zappone ask questions there seems to be some confusion and get back to me. Also ask J. Scherer her take on the conversation, the concerns aren't about making money. This should meet our energy goals relative to emission and natural gas. CJB - space could accommodate solar, no formal application has been received.

ML – trees have been put on the back burner; on commercial building code upgrades the focus has been on more than HERS type legislation – battery power and storage. NYS stretch code, Energy conservation, CCA, battery storage, large scale solar, energy production. Exploring NYS stretch code doesn't address commercial but residential. JB we need to keep pushing alternate forms of energy, look at cost efficiencies, building envelopes. Increase yield while lowering carbon footprint, propose in-law apartments given certain energy efficiencies. TB Regarding a Climate Action Plan, looking long term not at existing staff but we can't do it without staff, pay a consultant. DVL we need a sub-committee. TB - I volunteer, JB, LA, GB, DVL, ML. ML many incentives are application driven. TB let's get together. GB potential way to incentive major renovations, adhered to new codes.

**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

- 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

**2. WATER**

- a. Regional Clean Water Coalition
- b. Surface Water Quality

**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 – *Leaf blowers – educate and revisit the board with an education campaign. CJB originally the intent was to incrementally do that than spring board legislation to be firmer. Vendors and their reaction is different and the economical time doesn't preclude us, we need well thought out education plan; codify rapidly. GB based on CJB we need to move forward with education. DVL with whom? Nick was involved. NP short term, I thought it would be a good idea to address questions, it's a missed opportunity. We need to educate everyone first. CJB put some thought into education process; frame work reduced hours, suggestions on how landscapers should operate, benefits, set times then recommend turning it into law. Obtain feedback from the Village. DVL mimic the Village law; update our code is an important step forward. CJB work session and the board is concerned about the economic impact on vendors, how we educate landscaping community is important to the board.*
  - 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 5:26 PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 4:00PM VIA Zoom.**

**Additional 2020 Meeting Dates: Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**