

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), T. Brolin (TB), J Barrows (JB), J. Ewing (JE), J. Burmeister (JB1), K. Allan (KA), L. Arthur (LA)

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

Meeting was called to order at 4 PM. Meeting minutes from November 10, 2020 were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: DVL **Gas Leaf Blowers** – we discussed with CJB. CJB - I am discussing this with C. Scalaria to review within the existing code. There is no time table and we have to make amendments to the code. We are looking at 150 decibels to be allowed, we are working on it with JE & KA. DVL - nothing on education due to Covid-19, we will jump on it once things open up. KA – good information. DVL limiting decibels didn't work for Southampton Village, it's very difficult to determine decibels levels with birds/dogs as it can compromise the level. Maybe the town has better equipment. TB Does the town want to set decibels? CJB we considered it and we do more as a backup to a violation; we do not foresee it solely on noise level. Economic reason we see it as a compromise. DVL landscapers have accepted it in the village. CJB piggybacking it is more appealing; we want the board to be part of the solution. **Ban on the sale of helium balloons:** TB presented to the board, but the board is hesitant for an all-out ban. They want to go back and identify local balloon usage and limit if it's possible, maybe a slow regulation. There are a lot of facts and some small businesses may suffer. First part of getting where we want. TB since the meeting I've been researching, I've contacted PSE&G about problem with Mylar balloons short circuiting power lines, their website mentions issues, but no detail. In Glendale CA there is a ban; hundreds of outages due to Mylar balloons. The more information gathered the stronger the basis for the ban and we can clear target some current users from purchasing Mylar balloons, like Real Estate Agents and big parties, then we can move the board forward. JL & JS are concerned that a ban will reduce income to businesses that have already suffered due to Covid-19. The general feeling is the first proposal we made directly impacts businesses' income, unlike blowers, we will find out how much the board is willing to go in. CJB If it's incrementally done we should reach our final goal. DVL business is up, I don't think the argument is holding up. KA I agree with DVL. CJB the argument is to see the other ends' perspective. **CCA:** LA Two points: Assemblyman Thiele has legislation that has been approved by the New York State assembly and the New York State Senate awaiting Gov. Cuomo's signature and the memorialized that TOSH TB passed, I have shared with Brookhaven, East Hampton who are putting together their own version. Riverhead, Shelter Island and Southold have been supplied copies as well. We are looking for press so the Governor knows the whole east end wants the legislation to be signed. Legislation would extend the authority to the PSC to impose civil penalty against the service provider or revoke the service provider's authority to operate within the state when such audits indicate a finding of fraud, abuse or mismanagement. FZ & I presented to SHV and they agreed to legislation and move ahead. Future Program meeting CDG (Community Distribution Generation) is a renewal source of energy LIPA proposed local plants will get paid for what they generate, but they need participants to subscribe and developers will have the risk. FZ is speaking to LIPA with recommendations on tariff terms into a draft to obtain some leverage voting this Friday. JB1 can you send me a draft? LA we are seeing around the country that people are promoting it.

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 *LA can we support self-hauling program that is on for Public Hearing 12/8? Supporting this program falls in line with*

Sustainability and \$50 is not that much and will help with the Transfer Stations budget shortfall. JBI what about those who cannot afford the cost? CF there is a discounted rate for Seniors and Veterans. DVL – individually we can attend, sign a letter but since this goes into budgets it should not be part of the committee, and it becomes a political issue. JBI is there any education planned? Who is going to look for the stickers? CF the attendants at the Transfer Stations, as for the education plan, I agree we need one but it's still in the process of being designed.

- 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 5:12PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021 at 4:00PM, location TBD***

Additional 2021 Meeting Dates: Jan. 19th, Feb. 2nd & 16th, Mar. 2nd & 23rd, Apr. 6th & 20th, May 4th & 18th, June 6th & 15th, July 6th & 20th, Aug 3rd, & 17th, Sept. 7th & 21st, Oct. 5th & 19th, Nov. 16th, Dec. 7th & 21st.