

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), T. Brolin (TB), J. Ewing (JE), J. Burmeister (JB1), L. Arthur (LA), S. Hunnewell (SH), T. Kolsin (TK), M. Lieberman (ML), F. Zappone (FZ)

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 December 1, 2020 were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, **Balloons** – TB we have answered all the questions from the Town Board; I understand the reluctances during COVID, but I put together a draft for the Town Board and left a section blank, we could put in 2022, giving us time to get out of COVID and the opportunity for vendors to get rid of their stock including helium. With this change I would like to toss it back to the Town Board and proceed. CJB the one issue I see to bringing it forward is the controversy for constituents not being able to attend public hearings; the board gets a lot of complaints and we are dealing with it especially when we are looking at changing legislation. TB we have the advantage thanks to Jay requesting the town survey. Over 1,000 submissions were received, we should proceed. Some vendors would be hurt, if we delay it until 2022, any balloons sold could hurt the environment and recommend we go ahead with it to a town hearing. CJB I'll bring it to the board and is if there is an opportunity to pass even though the Supervisor supported the ban. I'm one vote out of five. **Gas Leaf Blowers:** DVL – John is there any update? CJB I did have a discussion with Christine Scalera just before the holidays about the drafted Legislation. I'll take one more review. I've discussed with a local landscaper who has been helpful. **Battery Storage Code Amendment:** ML Public comment period closed today and hope the code will be adopted at the Town Board meeting on Jan. 22. GB 26th. ML – Developers have potential sites and concerns with our stringent codes; we try for middle ground in one instance favoring their own interest than the towns. We have 15 ft. walls requirements, they want us to lessen our height requests. We were relying on stringent codes, we don't want all R80's to be able to accumulate all, we need to make sure it meets the letter of support; notice of adoption moving forward. LA any feedback on residential batteries? Any code written? ML very little, Andy from Green Logic said most of the focus is on large scale; redirected from smaller and relying on the state Uniform/Fire/Building code. We have defaulted to the state; NYSERDA Code we didn't play with the industry standard it was more about the fire & building code. LA heavily influenced by NYC concerns, consistence with theirs vs ours. ML we included language from their code into ours; NYS building code; our code mimics their pro's /cons as NYS updates. GL SEQRA impacts land, ground and surface water – we want that scrutiny. **CCA:** LA In our path is no competitive markets; data security agreement with LIPA .The administrative in nature requests data from the utility to issue a competitive bid before launching company sponsors known as Energy Service Companies (ESC). The competition of LIPA proposal power supply criteria boards agreed to a three year contract at a fixed price of 100% renewable energy, the obstacle is the pricing issue. The upcharge on power supply tariff that entitles LIPA to charge any ESC a per Kilowatt roughly \$0.05 per kilowatt, competitive bids want to offer \$0.07 per kilowatt but they would have to pay LIPA \$0.12, Mr. Thiele is planning to introduce a second bill this winter to change LIPA's fee structure so that ratepayers won't pay an extra \$0.05 per kilowatt hour of electricity generated by ESCOs through LIPA's LI Choice Program. We are seeking a coalition of supporters; volunteers to work with me on a broader reach, previous campaigns ran for two weeks and we gained over 1,000 signatures, we are looking to reach out to over 40 organizations; relationships with the town and throughout Suffolk County. CJB what has been accomplished is due to the teamwork, Assemblyman understands the regulatory sense, and there are two legislative pieces which F. Zappone has had a hand in getting the

vote drafted. Regulatory authority recommendations do not require an amendment. LA more voices say we want CCA to be better. County legislation led a task force and it doesn't hurt but helps. We've talked with small municipality and other towns like EH and Brookhaven. We have common interest and standing together we want competitive market on Long Island and the county reports helps. CJB I agree with that note. The regulatory issue pressure from the county and the description of CCA and how to get involved to have a competitive market lies within the regulatory side of things, data that is needed. LIPA handles this subject only, subject only to group force with their type of power authority and entitled to these benefits. CJB Compatibility and CCA long term with the broader base and that where we define it, county CCA final report is a tutorial and mimics similar goals. LA & FZ doing a great job.

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 *ML we haven't worked on town code update to create energy conservation building code for commercial property development. We are just finishing up battery storage code; this will be our next focus.*
- 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 5:12PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021 at 4:00PM, location TBD***

Additional 2021 Meeting Dates: Feb. 2nd, 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.