

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 1, 2021 via Zoom

Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), J. Ewing (JE), J. Burmeister (JB1), S. Hunnewell (SH), K. Allen (KA), L. Arthur (LA)

Non-members present: Councilman J. Bouvier (CJB), Councilman R. Martel (CRM), L. Tabori (LT), M. Lieberman (ML)

Meeting was called to order at 4:05PM. Meeting minutes from May 4, 2021 were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

Gas Leaf Blowers – DVL reported that this topic will be addressed once the helium ban legislation is completed.

Ban the sale of Helium Balloon Legislation – DVL reported that there will be a second public hearing on June 8. CJB suggested that the committee encourage residents to support the legislation by coming to the meeting in person or via zoom or writing letters to the town board. DVL said that he will be reaching out to the community after the meeting.

NYS Stretch Goal – ML reported that the building code update has been discussed at the most recent town board work session and is scheduled for a second work session review. This code would amend the current residential code and partially address the need for energy efficient standards for commercial buildings.

CDG Projects – LA reported that LIPA has objected to the town’s plans to install solar panels at the North Sea landfill on a technicality to the PSC. She is working on efforts to mitigate this objection.

Climate Emergency Declaration - ML reported that the resolution has been drafted.

Kelp – DVL reported that the legislation to allow kelp farming in Shinnecock and Peconic Bays is still in the committee at the state legislature and may not come up for a vote before this year’s session ends in mid June.

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

- f. Forest and Vegetation

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

***** Meeting was adjourned at 4:49PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 1st, 2021 at 4:00PM, location TBD***

Additional 2021 Meeting Dates: July 6th, Aug 3rd, Sept. 7th, Oct. 5th, Nov. 16th, Dec. 7th.

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