

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 via Zoom

Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), T. Brolin (TB), J. Ewing (JE), 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), L. Vosilla (LV)

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

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: **Gas Leaf Blowers** – CJB we are working on scheduling a Work Session, it's one we would like to do in person. The law will not go into effect until June so we will have time to make decisions. GB there was an editorial in the Southampton Press about the North Haven ban and said that every town/village should enact a gas leaf blower ban. CJB everybody will do it, we want to do it right and make sure we have the right circumstances. Legislation would follow on the next work session. **Change to NYS stretch goal**
Town code update to create energy conservation building code for commercial property development – ML the state has recognized their error and is putting out stretch code 2.0. We have the opportunity to be the first municipality to accept the code which could lead to a \$50,000 grant. I spoke with Andrew from the state and he's not sure what is going to be in the 2.0 version. LA is the issue with the international fire code; state energy code is two years behind? ML no, there's no rationale behind the requirements, it needs to be defined. GB have builders weighed in on Commercial buildings? ML only J. Barrows, I've spoken with our building inspectors and the chief building inspector and there not as stringent, not much of a lift. The question is how do we get there buildings built today will last 20 to 100 years, their 10% more efficient but it won't meet the goal by 2040. Public hearings have voiced their concerns over this. **CCA and CDG projects** LA As part of the Public Service commission the town posted an RFP for the North Sea Landfill. To date we have received six proposals for CDG (Community Distribution Generation). Clean Energy Community is working another concept through outreach, education and benchmarking. Solar code (large scale) is complicated. I've been working on grant applications that are almost finished; it involves three categories: Electric Vehicles (EV), Demand Response and Community Solar. East Hampton was the first South Fork solar array with 1.2 megawatts on town leased property earning revenue, because it's under CDB town gets billing credits, 10% of capacity developed is injected into the grid, monetary goes back to CCA up to 44% applies. From there 60% of 10% goes to the town to redistribute to CCA free bill credits. The size of the array is based on the town's priority. The one-time payment Joule makes can be spent on sustainability projects, where it will reside in a separate. CJB we have been talking about taking credits and applying them to a particular residents, but it will be at the discretion of the board. **Climate Action plan** ML The RFO was sent and due to technical issues with the distribution list only a few vendors confirmed. The issue was resolved and should be submitted to the next RFP. The verbiage and buzz words used we received half a dozen questions. LA I'm working with Sustainability Southampton Program, New Branding, Tri Energy. The website be public facing, where you can go to get a wealth of knowledge, resources and sign up for specific programs. CJB outreach is just another part and helps expand our presence. Lynn's done a rally great job with this. **Sustainability committee/Planning Board suggestions** GB the planning board wants to ensure town code is met and the board will recommend sustainability efforts like solar and electric outlets. As part of environment mitigation efforts, the planning board can require these efforts. We are looking for input from the committee on specifics. CJB likely it's more complicated but it is important. GB Please get back to me with any ideas. **Climate Emergency Declaration** ML no update. LA I think we should wait a few weeks to see what happens in DC with the voting on the stimulus package. TB DC shouldn't

impact what we do. **Pesticides ban – how to go forward** DVL I've received tons of emails from SHV citizens who are going after village Trustees, wanting them to go after pesticide companies, is there anything on the town's agenda? CJB one bill attempting to make a change, but it must be done through the state., I'll look into 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
- 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 5:54PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct 5th, 2021 at 4:00PM, VIA Zoom**

Additional 2021 Meeting Dates: Nov. 16th, Dec. 7th & 21st