

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 via Zoom

Members present: G. Berk (GB), J. Ewing (JE), J. Burmeister (JB1), L. Arthur (LA), S. Hunnewell (SH), J. Barrows (JB)

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

Meeting was called to order at 4:04PM. Meeting minutes from September 14, 2021 were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: **Gas leaf blowers – work session:** CRM we are looking at the agenda's and will get back to you. **Change to NYS stretch goal Town code update to create energy conservation building code for commercial property development:** ML drafted code is ready to move forward, how to proceed with the elected officials will depend on work session. We are keeping in mind that there is a \$50k grant available, for example LEDs, EV, energy infrastructure. GB JB any comments? JB I'm just seeing the code, has it changed? ML yes, I will send you a copy. JB energy code isn't changing in the next year, it's more stringent, let me take a look. EV chargers discussions - the infrastructure isn't ready for it yet, on a local level isn't as big as on a national level. ML it's constantly changing. There was an image of NYC in 1903, streets were lined with horse and wagons and one car. Eight to ten years later, the same street is lined with cars and only one horse and wagon. How do we achieve the goals as business as usual? 2.0 version might be coming out what the standards are & how we move forward. John sees the code changing every year, can it be adopted with one year options or incentive? Would that still qualify? NYSEDA gives people a period of time to learn it, codified it. It's mandatory, goes above and beyond, mandated, transitional code for stretch code. JB it's a selling point. LA NYSEDA is funding LIPA. PSEG to play a role in how funding is given out. Can't get rebate from PSEG; it must be provided with an aggregate. Discharge of battery is an issue, the program is not lucrative. No company is the aggregate, you can subscribe to the program but no company is around to implement it. LA battery code for residential never expected this to happen, grant from NYSEDA we can't use. MA these two are very different in how they will get rolled out. LA another organization in the mix. IT East Hampton is noticing 2nd public hearing on 10/26. **CCA and CDG projects:** LA no change. The committee under John's & Frank's leadership has recommendations and it will be on agenda to vote and award the RFP. **Climate action plan:** ML we received quite a responses to our RFP, we will be meeting on Friday. **Sustainability committee/Planning Board suggestions:** GB LA can we meet Thursday, trying to see what we can offer to developers. One applicant we recommended electric charging station & aesthetically put solar in their parking lot. The audience was acceptant. CJB a while ago with principles, the major subject asked them to do all sorts of things, run the facility as sustainable it was very positive. **Climate Emergency Declaration:** ML/CJB – it's being revamped right now, rewriting legislation. **Pesticides ban – how do we move forward:** GB DVL is very interested. CJB we don't have a lot of control except with easements, it rests mainly with the state, it's an uphill battle. LA there are apps that help people figure out what their carbon footprint is, I'll get some info on it. GB channel it through Sustainability. LA EH has a successful program where homeowners do an energy efficiency, it's a baseline of data, self-service to educate yourself, no staff or labor to manage 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 - LA working on the website, three sections are 40 – 50% done, three are at 80% and 3 haven't been started. It's all new content and hopefully I can demonstrate it next month.

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 *JB1* – *Clear cutting, suggest when a homeowner submits an application to the building department, an inspector goes to the property and tags the trees/bushes that should be saved, make it part of the procedure. Fines don't work. IT EH supervisor jumped on board, carbon takes years to grow back, and trees cannot come down.*
- 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.
- d. Complete Streets
- e. Demand – Reduce VMT
- f. Public Transportation
- g. Parking
- h. Reduced Emissions Alt Fuel
- i. Neighborhood Pattern and Design
- j. 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 *RC I was kayaking in Noyack bay and there was a strong odor near the condo's. I called the DEC and was told not their issue, called SCDHS never heard back. 95% of the scallops and fish have died-off last year. CJB I'm surprised, the SCDHS may have resolved the issue which could have been broken waste pipe. Next time reach out to my office or CFP.*
- 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 5:00 PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021 at 4:00PM, via Zoom**

Additional 2021 Meeting Dates: Nov. 2nd, Dec. 7th.