

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 via Zoom

Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), L. Arthur (LA), T. Brolin (TB), J. Burmeister (JB1), S. Hunnewell (SH), K. Allen (KA),

Non-members present: Councilman J. Bouvier (CJB), Councilman R. Martel (CRM), P. Godfrey (PG), M. Lieberman (ML), A. Woodduck (AD), L. Vosilla (LV)

Meeting was called to order at 4:02PM.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: **Gas Leaf Blowers:** DVL Public hearing went well, there was some clarification needed. CRC will change the language, a revision for majority will have no additional hardship. Enforcement portion is being worked on and those not licensed will have a grace period, beginning Memorial Day. CJB companies cannot be punished/fined for something employees do, we are looking to remove the criminal penalty and reduce financial penalty. Code is working on a policy to inform workers, it's a work in progress. Grace period is through September, information will be in Spanish language with information that explains a violation and what the law means. Public Hearing gets good input and allows us to alter the law where it makes sense. Closing Public Hearings on Tuesday March 8. The law will be up for adoption at the following Town Board Meeting 3/22. KA this is an opportunity for permitting, to ID companies and take away their license if not adhering to Law. CJB the second part of the issue – permitting process, when asked – compliance with local laws, changed form; license number and if need be compliance with state; County's is a nightmare. Initial vendor license is thru the Building Dept., there are over 200 licensed landscapers in the town. CJB also points out NYS law which suggest financial help for landscapers. Constituents are fed up with the noise and can help companies become part of the solution. Most landscapers are responsible and provide services and want to grow their customer base. Ban - most municipalities are going in this direction. Over 100 across USA are already partially or totally banning GLB's. **CCA & CDG:** No update **Climate Emergency Declaration:** CJB we haven't done anything. We signed a partnership with US Dept. of Energy. Gina McCarthy Office of Domestic Climate Policy along with DOE Secretary Granholm officially launched the

Better Climate Challenge during an executive roundtable; reducing municipalities building greenhouse effects 50% over the next 10 years which is aligned with our Sustainability Climate Action and Stretch Code coming into focus- US Dept. of Energy and 3rd parties will help us spotlighting federal level. DVL this will lead to grant money. ML NSYERDA approved stretch code. SH's more stringent than their code, got approval. Applying for \$50k grant while simultaneously applying for \$30k that is available. The more we do the more funds will be available. CJB great meeting; we were recognized for a lot of stuff. Bramble was co-hired to write an action plan & formal addendum. **Clear cutting restrictions on non-APOD:** ML working on drafting law to prevent clear cutting. Focus on natural resources, preventing heritage trees from getting cut down, some trees are older than the homes and in order to avoid polarizing community character is it worth preserving. CJB lots cleared deficiencies in the code. ML trying to figure the process, how to enact and enforce it. CJB Public hearing gives us the tools to educate the public, new laws provide a grace period, there is a language barrier, and eventually someone will say they never heard of the law, there's no easy answer. **New Projects:** DVL what should we tackle next? I would like to hear from the town. CBJ take a systematic approach to that question. Do what we are able and capable of, Rembal study will give us a lot of goals. Renewable & reduction on house gases. Revisit micro grids ability in community districts. Energy related road maps to get what you are suggesting. LA challenge - collect as may plastic caps as possible. They will be used for an arts and craft event in the spring and will be right next to the energy audit booth. Bring them to the next Sustainability Meeting April 5.

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 our website focusing on heating & cooling components. Reviewing it with CJB & FZ, looking to launch in June.

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 4:57 PM. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 at 4:00PM, location in person at Town Hall**

Additional 2022 Meeting Dates: May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd, Sept 6th, Oct 4th, Nov 1st, Dec. 6th