

## Town of Southampton

### Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

**Members present:** D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), T. Brolin (TB), J. Burmeister (JB1), K. Allen (KA), J. Barrows (JB), L. Arthur

**Non-members present:** Councilman R. Martel (CRM), T. Houghton (TH), P. Godfrey (PG), L. Tabori (LT), M. Lieberman (ML), L. Vosilla (LV)

**Meeting was called to order at 4:08PM. Meeting minutes from March 1, 2022 were accepted.**

#### Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: **Gas Left Blowers:** DVL – Restriction of gas leaf blowers between Memorial Day thru Labor Day was passed beginning May 2023, it will not affect the spring & fall clean up. CRM landscapers need to purchase new equipment; not ticketing next year but a summer ban. CMR education needs to be in Spanish also, must have at least two languages. LA Historically there is no budget for education. CRM Social media; no one is checking weekly. LT Financial incentive at the state level. DVL obviously something has to be done, Assemblyman Thiele has pushed hard. LT not a positive vote in from the Assembly or Senate. CRM should have given grants. TB cost was small not required, some play by some rules, this is a much bigger deal; leaf blowers; mowing lawns think about it. Vendors didn't listen to what their options are without subsidizing them. CRM pass cost along & raised permit fee. JB1 landscaping cost more per hour than last year. **CCA and CDC update:** LA We have a win with CCA; four workshops & white paper. CCA in its original order the program was to have a competitive supply for either gas/electric or both, with CDG we can have a tariff; the rules of the program exist. The town board will need to discuss and decide who would get what. Opt out program can designate how or who can get the credits, but there is a limited pool. This will need to be deferred to another time. TB what is the real problem? DVL spending tariff LIPA is blocking. CRM battery storage is a benefit DLV there are two applications before planning board for commercial spots – hook up to transmission. LA objections; safety concerns. TH One of the projects is sited very well. **Climate Emergency Declaration:** ML it exists but JS was opposed to tweaking or to accommodate it, willing to evaluate it based upon or tied in with the Climate Action Plan. I can hold it a little and get an idea as to what was opposed. **Clear cutting restrictions on non-APOD (aquifer overlay protection district)** ML tackling of clear cutting restrictions & trees are two thoughts. Following APOD is not politically acceptable. How do you make sure an old oak tree doesn't get cut down; it gives community character, some don't appreciate it? Clearing restrictions- create a process to dissuade it; create regulations; tabled clear cutting, elected officials can always run with it. CRM those without covenants can clear all, maybe some experimental like tree credits, we recognize the need for some give & take. JB stretch code could be an alternative. MD uses green building standard, multiply stands, is a silver level more flexible & hits a broader bank, could the town adopt this? ML it must be more stringent not an alternative, but part of the stretch code & submitted to Dept. of State. LA battery storage accepts international fire code based on IFC code of four year ago & stringent on batteries. IFC revised by the state hasn't been adopted, the town has the authority to amend based on other standards. **New Projects – what to tackle next.** Climate Action Plan and getting to 2040. We need to recommit, elaborate on, we need to engage, further guide to what it does & the information we need to do it. LA event on June 11<sup>th</sup>; Dragon Fly Day at 377 Bridgehampton Sag Harbor Tpk, 10am-3pm. Looking for volunteers, Assemblyman Thiele, J. Bouvier; A. Welker are the nexus explain the importance of clean wetland, how the town is helping educate, transportation, heat pumps and way it's important. Looking for volunteers.

#### 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 *ML Bramble won the contract. We had a kickoff meeting, working on a linear approach, measuring carbon emissions, interacting with the community. They've reviewed our meeting minutes and are in tune with us. LA what's the scope & what was agreed to? ML Everything was included except we left out Joule (coordinator). Working on benchmarking all of our municipalities' buildings. NJ is getting the information on each building, providing it to Cameron, portfolio manager which is part of Build Better Climate Challenge. LA Original scope of work with the website has a section available to homeowners I'd like to incorporate into the website.*
  - 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, May 3rd, 2022 at 4:00PM lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.**

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