

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 20th, 2015 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: S. Carlin (SC), A. Reisman (AR), D. von Lehsten, J. Burmeister (JB), G. Berk (GB), N. Palumbo (NP), Lynn Ash (LA)

Non members present: C. Fetten (CF), J. Becerra (JB), Frank Zappone (FZ)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Meeting minutes from January 6th, 2015 were approved.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: Need to create a list of achievements and set up a date for a joint meeting with the Town Board to discuss past accomplishments, present agenda and future goals, and ask where they may need help. Water Quality Institute by Stony Brook University, discuss installment of solar panels through Coronal Municipal Energy Services, the east-west electric vehicle corridor, ground water protection and PACE financing.

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- *FZ: A Stony Brook development team, "Water Quality Institute", about to become official. The Committee should find out what its mission statement is and offer support. This institute would be made up of the DEC, the Suffolk County Water Authority, SBU, marine science lab from SH, and private capital. The Committee should look at political issues with providing financing through PACE to the institute: currently they have 2.5 million in funding.*
- c. Education-
- d. Regulated Water Conservation
- e. Water Treatment and Reuse- *Currently there are no real systems to replace the septic tank and cesspool*
- f. Landscape Management
- g. Drinking Water Quality
- h. Groundwater Protection- *Currently LI is pushing for a State law that would allow tapping into aquifer water; Western Suffolk is very interested. An appointed group in Albany would decide on how to do this.*

- 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 Plan
- 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 Use
- c. Complete Streets
- d. Demand – Reduce VMT
- e. Public Transportation
- f. Parking
- g. Reduced Emissions Alt Fuel- *Presentation about East-West electric vehicle corridor. Each Town will provide 2 charging stations along the LIE. It is not*

late yet for Southampton and East Hampton to join in.

- h. Neighborhood Pattern and Design
- i. Resilient Infrastructure

6. ENERGY / CARBON

- a. Long Term Energy Planning- *Coronal Municipal Energy Services is looking for municipalities to install solar panels in pieces of land 30 to 50 acres large, to create a minimum of 8 megawatts. They do the planning, installing, etc. on the power purchase agreement; F. Zappone: there are no parcels large enough. As far as offshore wind farms, the committee should find support from local celebrities to advocate for this.*
- b. Energy and Carbon Audits
- c. Clean Energy Renewable- *PACE Financing: Steve Abramson recommended discussing with solar panel vendors to gauge interest before bringing proposition to the Town Board. John Barrows spoke favorably about moving forward with this, and Steve Abramson agreed to spearhead the meeting with contractors. Would need to consult first with Town Attorney and Comptroller offices as far as permitting S.A. to move along with contractor discussion with 8-10 vendors. Creating an industry focus group would be a good start.*
- d. Energy and Carbon Reduction- *Clean Energy Task Force meeting: good information regarding new geothermal code. It will have up to \$10,000 in assistance dedicated to this effort.*

- 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 – in process
- g. Materials Exchange
- h. Paper Waste- *NYC Styrofoam ban as of July 1st 2015 for food packaging only. The Committee should not yet move on a Styrofoam ban here in the Town.*
- i. Building waste
- j. Hazardous Waste

k. Product Stewardship

l. Long Term Waste Planning – FRNCA pilot in process

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
- f. Vacant Land
- g. Forest and Vegetation

***** Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday March 3rd, 2015 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***