

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 17th, 2015 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: S. Carlin (SC), A. Reisman (AR), J. Burmeister (JB), G. Berk (GB), N. Palumbo (NP), J. Botos (JB1), J. Dupree (JD), B. Chaleff (BC), C. Heather (CH), J. Scherer (JS)

Non members present: C. Fetten (CF), J. Becerra (JB2), S. Abramson (SA), Carlo Lanza (LISEA), John Rocchetta (Green Logic Energy), Mike Bailis (SUNation)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Meeting minutes from March 3rd, 2015 were approved.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: Principal topic of discussion, vendors from the solar industry (SUNation, LISEIA, and Green Logic Energy) present to offer their knowledge on the subject, and give their opinion regarding PACE financing. Scott Carlin highlighted Town of East Hampton energy goals and their commitment to the cause. Currently in the process of putting together a Climate Action Plan; the Committee wants to create something similar to East Hampton, also keeping in mind the work done by the Town of Brookhaven in reducing fossil fuels utilized by Town buildings. Finally, start looking into and considering Distributive Energy and Load Management.

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 – *Utilizing local solar companies: general concern with guest vendors is that local Long Island companies be utilized to provide the installation of solar equipment. Feed in Tariffs have favored large scale national solar companies which do not benefit the community. The reason these large companies can provide much lower costs is because the equipment and work they provide is not held to the highest standard. Local vendors not only can provide this, they can be held responsible and provide technical support. Also, as far as Solarize programs go, they don't support them because it will not serve the individual's option of choosing the vendor.*

4. LAND USE

- a. Climate Action Plan – *SC introduced the Town of East Hampton energy goals and its commitment as first on the east coast. The Town is moving forward with the Climate Action Plan, and the Committee wants to work forward to fashion something similar as far as renewable energy that would impact vendors, and potentially the entire County.*
- b. Land Use Plan
- c. Open Space Preservation – *Large scale solar: LISEIA mentioned it would be helpful if the Town identified areas where large scale solar installations would be appropriate, keeping in the mind the trend that the*

Town has been maintaining in preserving the natural aspect of the community.

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

6. ENERGY / CARBON

- a. Long Term Energy Planning
- b. Energy and Carbon Audits
- c. Clean Energy Renewable – *Financing options for solar: Mike Bailis mentioned that PACE financing should be a number 1 priority for the Town. He proceeded to divide solar consumers into three stages: In the early years individuals looked at the benefit and not the financial aspect, then came individuals looking to save money and get a return on investment, and the current group is looking into “leasing”. Leasing gave people the option between the utility company and alternative energy. However, with leasing the equipment is not owned by the consumer. The way to connect both concepts of choice and funding is PACE financing.*
- d. Energy and Carbon Reduction
- e. Education

7. GREEN BUILDING

- a. Sustainable New Construction – *The Town of Brookhaven is reducing fossil fuel consumption within its Town buildings.*
- 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
- 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 April 7th,**

*2015 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of
Southampton Town Hall.*