

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 7th, 2015 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: S. Carlin (SC), B. Chaleff (BC), J. Burmeister (JB), G. Berk (GB), J. Botos (JB2) L. Arthur (LA), J. Scherer (JS)

Non members present: C. Fetten (CF), J. Becerra (JB3), F. Zappone (FZ)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Meeting minutes from March 17th, 2015 were approved.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: FZ: Supervisor will be announcing plastic bag ban start date; if you have Facebook, post and share. LA filmed video under FZ's direction, through SeaTV, with senior citizens and partnered with Village committee. The video will be less than two minutes long and will feature local seniors dancing in the village handing out bags; the idea is to drive constituent traffic to the website. CF will install large poster at the transfer station so that people will be reminded of the plastic bag ban. LA: Westhampton Beach Earth Day event on May 3rd, would be great to have a table set up by the committee; JS mentioned it is a well attended event. CF: STOP days, and having multiple STOP sites, need to be approved by the DEC; also, no Green Homes program as of now, but it will come in the future.

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

6. ENERGY / CARBON

- a. Long Term Energy Planning – *FZ: Town interested in pursuing NY grant for a potential microgrid. The project might be shared with local municipalities, as well as Non Profit Organizations, schools, and possibly the village. A month earlier, the idea had been brought before the Town board, and he was surprised by the reluctance on part of the board*

members: it seems to them like a lot to go through, especially with all the complex capital projects being managed currently. The due date is May 15th, and Jenn Marziano is willing to pursue it, and will provide her labor and expertise. However, he will not put the weight on Municipal Works, so he will need somebody from the committee to provide internal labor. Help will be offered to that person, but the heavy lifting can't be done on the Town's part.

- b. Energy and Carbon Audits
- c. Clean Energy Renewable - SC: At the energy subcommittee on March 26th, some issues came up regarding the adoption of geothermal code in order to have a new standard. The County already adopted it, with modifications. JB2: However, the language needs to be changed before bringing it to the Town Board. JS: As far as having a closed system or an open system, there is more inclination to having a closed system. There is additional scrutiny needed for an open system with proximity to water bodies. Also, must keep in mind that it is NOT a renewable system if it is not from a renewable source. Also, the County did not do SECRA, and the Town can't adopt without its own SECRA analysis.
- 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 – *Electronic Waste Disposal taking place on April 25th from 9 AM to 4 PM at Westhampton Beach (behind the Post Office). Bring office equipment, hard drives, fans, batteries, printers, faxes, computers, key boards, mouses, screens, etc.*
- c. Plastic Recycling
- d. Organic Waste
- e. Waste Education – LA: *Would be great to measure the effectiveness of the plastic bag ban, getting help from Storm Water management to collect data, in order to measure the progress made with the whole effort. But what needs to be measured exactly? CF mentioned that AR is a great source for data collection. SC also proposed going through*

consumer info and seeing how their behavior has shifted.

- 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 21st, 2015 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.**

