

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 16th, 2015 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: S. Carlin (SC), D. von Lehsten (DVL), A. Reisman (AR), J. Burmeister (JB), G. Berk (GB), N. Palumbo (NP), J. Scherer (JS), L. Arthur (LA), J. Barrows (JB2), Bill Chaleff (BC)

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

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Meeting minutes from June 2nd, 2015 were approved.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion: CF addressed concerns on part of the Town Board regarding Solarize RFP: the number of vendors included and its effect on local businesses. LA is creating a fact sheet with the number of solar installations solar vendors in the Town. BC the idea is to kick start the program using the market, and then have an outreach program for the vendors so that they become well informed. DVL mentioned Committee must go back to the Town Board and clarify that it is a short lived program and this needs to move forward quickly.

1. EDUCATION

- a. Town Employees
- b. Homeowners and Other Residents
- c. Business Owners- *BC on Solarize vendors: we will need an outreach program, we are looking for tiered pricing, allow them to choose how to create the tiered list.*
- d. Primary School education
- e. Educational signage
- f. Food Production & Consumption
- g. Outreach –
 - i. *Solar: LA on Solarize outreach marketing: has been creating a fact sheet with Ross Baldwin which includes the number of installations in the Town, installation density, listing companies that come close to what the Town looks for, etc. This is a way to strategize how best to respond to the concerns of the Town Board. Also, the idea is to generate enthusiasm. NP and BF regarding potential Solarize vendors: it is important to demonstrate to them that this will not become a race to the bottom through quality control. And, customers can always use their own vendors. A primary program goal is to catalyze the local solar industry.*
 - ii. *JS - EPA is seeking a partnership with the Town on water conservation; can offer materials to distribute locally and can produce promotional video spots.*

iii. *BC – Energy Conservation and Efficiency are still the best way for people to save money and we should continue to educate the public.*

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 – *SC on NY Prize: we are waiting on Albany to make the official announcement. The next step would be to go to the Town Board (TB); the RFP is currently being developed. JS will approach council members individually. JS has the award letter and will be taking it to BF.*
SC on PACE financing: NYS is still in conversation with the County regarding PACE, and the county's timeline is not clear yet. The letter being sent from the Town to the County mentions the Town's support, but there is currently a pause at the County level.
- b. Energy and Carbon Audits
- c. Clean Energy Renewable – *CF on Solarize presentation to TB: presented background on Solarize, mentioned putting out the RFP (utilizing 2 solar vendors) then moving ahead with the marketing campaign. After that, the contract would be up for Thanksgiving, and closing the program by the end of the year. The main concern is how this will affect local businesses. Also, Liz Trembley mentioned Brookhaven is running into similar issues. However, Towns can have the specs require high quality. Also, vendors can be made to be associated with national solar accreditation and to utilize American made products. Regardless, it is very important to make sure the vendor can handle high volume. LA is researching solar installations in the Town. 75% of Town installations are done for LLC properties. Over the last 5 years the Town has averaged 95 installations per year; half of these are on new buildings. Green Logic is the largest installer in the Town.*
- 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 – 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 July 7th, 2015 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.**