

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 02nd, 2015 Southampton Town Hall

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

Non members present: C. Fetten (CF), Steve Abramson (SA), B. Fleming (BF), F. Zappone (FZ), J. Becerra (JB)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Meeting minutes from May 19th, 2015 were approved.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: SA: has maintained contact with Mark Thielkin, from EIS, who has been working with various municipalities and counties throughout the State. One important issue which has led to hesitation is potential problems with FHFA and defaulting: there is the possibility of study to look at the incidence of defaulting within Southampton Town. CF and JS: will present to the Town Board work session to authorize letter of support urging the County become a member of EIC; Mark Thielkin will participate via Skype. The Town is waiting for Suffolk County to formally adopt PACE; current focus is commercial applications of PACE. In the next step, the Town Board would approve a resolution allowing the Town to add the amount to the tax bill.

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 – *LA on Town website: showed a short presentation on the Committee's page within the Town website, which doesn't appear to be appealing. Some ideas to include within the page are including hot topics, posting events, and distributing information. DVL: we should think about +400, pick the items that are being worked on and include them as ongoing topics within the website. FZ: the Committee needs to generate content for the CRC to send out so as to increase readership.*

2. WATER

- a. Regional Clean Water Coalition
- b. Surface Water Quality
- c. Education
- d. Regulated Water Conservation
- e. Water Treatment and Reuse – *BF on water collection systems: Pio Lombardo proposing a water collection system in downtown Montauk. First will be the RFP specs, then a suggestion of the technology. BC: It can be seen how collection could eventually lead to treatment. The concept of collection is critical because*

once you place a collection system in a region ideally you want everyone in that region to hook up.

Downtowns are prime places to start.

- f. Landscape Management
- g. Drinking Water Quality
- h. Groundwater Protection - *JS on Water Protection Plan: 1st hearing for the WPP took place; next meeting will be July 14th. As it moves forward, will be taking the comments and incorporating them into the draft plan.*
- i. Stormwater Management
- j. Wetlands Protection
- k. Floodplains
- l. Planning and Emergency Mgmt. *Recommended: A Presentation from Wayne Grothe re: a Cape Cod style mapping program for the East End/South Fork.*

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 – *FZ on HB revitalization: there has been some discussion with the hamlet as far as the proposed model (could be similar to one in*

Riverside) which would look to decrease the density, but as a larger plan that would be more expansive than the downtown area. It would be for mixed use, allowing for affordable housing. As far as housing goes, although there is some concern for an increased amount of kids in the school system, there generally is more support than opposition. It will look to target single working professionals and people that service businesses in the community.

- 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 – NP regarding electric vehicle charging stations: Committee needs to encourage the Town to expand vehicle charging stations. The vehicles that are promoted by NYSERDA are connected to a network that does all the data collection real time. The general idea of the program is to build the infrastructure to encourage people to see it as a viable option. The NYSERDA program provides up to \$10,500 for the charging station, software and installation. Southampton would be responsible for at least a 15% cost share or \$2000. 30% of out of pocket expenses qualifies for a federal tax credit.
- h. Neighborhood Pattern and Design
- i. Resilient Infrastructure

6. ENERGY / CARBON

- a. Long Term Energy Planning – NP on NY Prize: one page summary was sent, have not gotten any reaction yet. The next step is to convene and create an organizational structure. JS: got the contract from NYSERDA and sent it to the Supervisor. Jenn Maziano was instrumental in writing the grant, and introduced NP and JS to many people. Next step is to go before the Town Board during a work session, and then have the RFP go out.
- b. Energy and Carbon Audits

- c. Clean Energy Renewable – CF on Solarize campaign: Liz Trembley wants more clarification for the RFP. Town is looking to launch the RFP in June and get the solar contractors by July 17th, followed by the sign-in in September, the contracting in October and installation afterward. There are some outstanding issues, but nothing major.
- 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 – AR on Conscience Point 375th anniversary celebration: there will be a reenactment of Shinnecock nation members receiving settlers and taking them to the place of the original settlement. There will also be a Rotary colonial dinner and clambake, with some of the money going to pilot training and the rest to the shellfish hatchery). The trail society is also having a walk from Conscience Point to the SH village.
- 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 June 16th, 2015 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***