

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 19th, 2015 Southampton Town Hall

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

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

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Meeting minutes from May 5th, 2015 were approved.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: SC: Town Trustees lost court case and are awaiting appeal regarding hardening of shore structures in Village of Quogue. DVL: social media has been key in the single use plastic bag ban educational campaign. This success has led to many other municipalities reaching out to Southampton for help in their own initiatives. Also, there is potential for Southampton and East Hampton to work together in creating a microgrid for the region; would need to partner with PSEG to be able to utilize their grid. JS: the NY Prize grant was successfully received, and will now commence the process of putting together the components for the RFQ. CF: as far as Solarize NY, would like to have the same roll out date as East Hampton, the Town's main partner in this initiative. Currently working on the RFP to solicit feedback from industry vendors that could potentially provide decreased prices based on bulk purchasing.

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 – *SC: Town Trustees lost court case concerning the hardening of shore structures in the Village of Quogue. This is very significant in terms of the recognition of their authority by the courts. The court's opinion was based on a case from the 19th century. The Trustees will appeal to the next court level.*
- g. Drinking Water Quality
- h. Groundwater Protection
- i. Stormwater Management
- j. Wetlands Protection
- k. Floodplains

1. 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 – *CF regarding Solarize program: NYSEERDA funds this program through NY Sun. It was originally pursued as Solarize South Fork along with East Hampton Town. They have delayed their start of the program until the end of the summer. East Hampton has been very helpful with the templates, RFP, advertisings, school presentations, tools, etc. There is a meeting on Thursday May 7th at Stony Brook Southampton. The RFP is essentially for the Town to solicit feedback from industry vendors which could provide decreased price based on bulk purchasing. One of the main concerns on the RFP is liability, so Town Attorney will look into that. Would like to work with East Hampton to have the same roll out date.*
- b. Energy and Carbon Audits – *JS regarding NY Prize: the grant was approved. Now there needs to be a core group that will work on utilizing the grant money: J. Scherer, J. Botos, and N. Palumbo will be involved and steer the effort. The first step will be to inform the Town Board and work on the RFQ, indicating the areas we are looking for. There will be an 8 month schedule, beginning in June. Then the proper vendor (engineering firm) will be obtained (NYSEERDA has a list of vendors). 1st step is to put together the components of the RFQ, and as far as Jenn Maziano, need to be wise as far as utilizing her time. Also, stake holders will need to be contacted and invited to eventual meeting with the Town Board (The hospital is perhaps the biggest one; must also include LIPA/PSEG).*
- c. Clean Energy Renewable – *DVL on microgrid: there have been talks of Southampton and East Hampton joining in an effort to utilize deepwater wind power. PSEG cannot block and theoretically could use energy from deepwater turbines. So the Town would have to partner with PSEG to feed in to the grid, which would be the wise thing to do. The cost would be much lower by having wind offshore. Also, definitely want to avoid putting extra power lines in the east end.*
- 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 – *DVL regarding SUPB ban: there has been tremendous success on social media as far spreading the word and getting support from the community; the Facebook page received 4000 hits on the first week. The campaign to introduce more people to the new law has been successful and has led many townships to make contact with the Committee. In Patchogue most trustees were in favor of a potential SUPB ban, and now Huntington and Port Jefferson are in line; Nassau County has also approached us. Also, many of the points on the +400 list can be transformed on social media*
- 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 June 2nd, 2015 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.**

