

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 5th, 2015 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: S. Carlin (SC), A. Reisman (AR), J. Burmeister (JB), G. Berk (GB), N. Palumbo (NP), J. Scherer (JS)

Non members present: C. Fetten (CF), J. Becerra (JB2), S. Abramson (SA), B. Fleming (BF), Felice Milani (FM), Ken Komoski (KK)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Meeting minutes from April 21st, 2015 were approved.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: SA reviewed key points of PACE financing, this time expanding on the possible need to work closely with the State legislature. Also, mentioned that if the Town Board sees the program as viable, it is very important they implement the financial reserve with the FHA. SC suggested preparation of a formal program to be presented to the Town Board so that they may hear from experts; CF mentioned the need to inform Comptroller and Town Attorney first so that they are prepared should the Town Board have questions. Look at the potential of pursuing both Solarize NY and PACE financing. Committee is considering accepting Ken Komoski as a member; Felice Milani (guest) is a public defender working in criminal law and could offer feedback regarding environmental issues.

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 – *Ken: Would be pleased to take the task of better utilizing social media with young people to communicate the Committee's messages. He has been working to get more schools to engage in the Open Space Stewardship Program. The idea would be to have them publish their school reports in social media with videos. SC: the resolution concerning the Committee mentions "public education", however still need to put together the different assets Ken could offer in considering his acceptance as a Committee member.*

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 – *AR regarding shellfish restoration: there is a shellfish hatchery in Conscience Point which is growing oysters for restoration, providing oysters to the Trustees so they can seed the bays. People have been donating materials, services, labor, etc. It would be nice if the Committee shows them support; AR will attend next event representing the Committee.*
- 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 NY: As far as the RFP goes, each one is specific to each municipality. She modified the RFP before being sent: it will be a business agreement between the company and the resident, so liability issues need to be investigated. East Hampton will be pushing it to late summer, which was not a problem with Solarize NY. Since Solarize will have a specific number of vendors, the main concern is to have local firms do the work.*

BF regarding PACE and Solarize NY: Town Board is sensitive to the extreme lack of planning and lack of inclusion with LIPA. Unfortunately, LIPA is not doing an effective job in moving us to renewable energy. The State said that municipalities need to figure out the process, so the Town should take this on and maintain its policy of setting an example in the region. This isn't just about PACE, but solar energy in general.

SC: Cameron Bard from the Governor's office contacted him, saying that the State is at the Committee's disposal with any help that may be needed. Mr. Bard has looked at SH +400 and likes what the Committee and Town are doing.

- b. Energy and Carbon Audits – *JS regarding NY Prize: NYSERDA came out with this grant to provide money for feasibility studies to so that micro grids could potentially be pursued by municipalities. As far as micro grids go, it is important to consider load demand, storms, etc.*
- c. Clean Energy Renewable – *SA in response to SC, regarding PACE: Town isn't a small entity. But if anything, could make it work as a South Fork project. Should be able to achieve enough money and become a model (we have a wealthy population, solar light isn't blocked, good latitude, etc.) Needs to be promoted well and the County only has to put the*

amount on the tax bill, which individually could be figured out easily.

- 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 May 19th, 2015 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***

