

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 4th, 2015 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), S. Carlin (SC), G. Berk (GB), N. Palumbo (NP), J. Scherer (JS), B. Chaleff (BC),

Non members present: C. Fetten (CF), J. Becerra (JB), G. Raacke (GR), B. Fleming (BF)

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

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: NP mentioned a NYSERDA program for electric vehicle charging stations. Support is provided for building infrastructure throughout New York State. Practically the entire cost would be covered. BF would like to invite two eagle scouts in September to discuss a project they are currently working on, turning t-shirts into reusable bags. JS discussed water front protection and meeting with Trustees. The Town is trying to use a more specific code rather than the generic one from 1981 utilized by other agencies. GR discussed East Hampton issuing the peaker plant RFP shortly, and the importance of working together to send a clear message of what is wanted and what is not as far as energy production goes. JS and NP received 7 proposals for the microgrid feasibility study, stage 1, and 3 have been ruled out. They will meet again to review them and rank them in order. CF received 3 responses from the Solarize Southampton RFP to provide reduced cost bulk solar. BC drafted a letter to the Supervisor and Town Board seeking to make contact with the Shinnecock Nation to install a waste collection system on the reservation.

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 – JS on water front protection: *There will be a meeting on August 11th at 1PM. When discussing the plan with the Trustees, their concern seems to be that they're not affected by it. The Town is trying to adopt its own coastal policies as provided for in Article 42 of the States' executive law. This can't be voted on yet because SEQRA has not been done yet, and it takes about 3 months to be accepted.*
- c. Education
- d. Regulated Water Conservation
- e. Waste Treatment and Reuse – BC on waste collection system in the Shinnecock Reservation: *A letter was drafted to be sent out to the Supervisor and Town Board in order to make initial contact with Shinnecock*

leadership. The reservation is a good spot because it guarantees 100% participation which would allow for good effect measurements. Also, no permitting would be required. The reservation has mentioned that they do would like to have a treatment facility on the reservation as well. An invitation should be sent out to the Tribal Council so as to give them time to find other committees to represent them should they desire to do so. However, the Committee needs to make sure the Shinnecock agree with the proposal and are fully in favor of it; perhaps it should be generated from their end. It could also be useful to request their help as stewards in the area to help the Town in reducing nitrogen levels.

- 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 – *NP on electric vehicle charging stations: NYSEDA program that would cover the entire cost of installing electric vehicle charging stations, and would require no work on part of the Town; it would only need to send a letter of support and maintain the stations. Became aware of this program through the County Energy Office, and is being put together under the Greener Cleaner Community grant. Since there is a minimum threshold of \$500,000, the County is looking for locations and the Town would be lending a hand should it accept. Ross Baldwin could be great help in locating potential spots for installing the charging stations. Should start looking at train stations first.*
- h. Neighborhood Pattern and Design
- i. Resilient Infrastructure

6. ENERGY / CARBON

- a. Long Term Energy Planning – *JS and NP on microgrid: Received 7 proposals for micro grid feasibility stage 1, and have made a selection committee; the list has been narrowed down to 4. This Thursday will meet to review them and rank them in order. Liz Burns from the library, Amy Pfeiffer, Christine Fetten, Janice Scherer and Nick Palumbo will be involved.*
CF on Community Solar: Received 3 responses to Solarize Southampton RFP, for the short term campaign to provide reduced cost bulk solar. In response to Town Board concern of giving preference to local vendors, it was required that they have 50

installations in New York State, and 25 in the last year in the Town. Only one, Green Logic, has met all requirements. The bids were reviewed by Bill Colonis from NYSEDA. Before making the announcement, they need to coordinate who will be picked, and would like to move forward with one vendor. The resolution will be put forward to move along with this which will push back the kick off

- b. Energy and Carbon Audits
- c. Clean Energy Renewable – *GR on South Fork RFP: East Hampton will be issuing an RFP shortly, and has a huge amount of power that needs to be identified for Southampton and East Hampton; this is very important for both towns. If it isn't given priority, it could get bad. East Hampton compiled a list of town owned properties that might be suitable for green energy or battery storage and discourages fossil fuel energy. The town would lease these properties to merchant developers. Once the proposals are made, the developers have to go to PSEG and LIPA under this RFP and submit their proposals. Deadline for final submission is November 13th.*
- 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 – *BF on plastic bag education: \$1,000 is available to spend on plastic bag ban education. Also, met with two young ladies who is currently working on a project with the Eagle Scouts, turning t-shirts into reusable bags. She would like to hand them out outside stores, with instructions inside on how to make them. It would be great to have them speak at a Committee meeting sometime in September; Glorian volunteered to work with them.*
- 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 August 18th, 2015 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***