

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 1st, 2015 Southampton Town Hall

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

Non members present: C. Fetten (CF), B. Fleming (BF), M. Benincasa (MB), G. Raacke (GR), J. Becerra (JB2)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Meeting minutes from August 18th, 2015 were approved.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: MB discussed large scale solar installations and the need to add to the Use Table so that it becomes a primary use and not merely as an accessory use. Also, would need to identify potential land where it would be permitted and get some new definitions. NP suggested easing slowly into large scale solar, such as utilizing parking lots first and then potentially moving on to farms, perhaps not being as challenging when presenting the proposal to the people. BF recommends looking at what Brookhaven Town is doing in order to promote large scale solar while protecting open space, soil protection, etc. GR recommends, as East Hampton Town found helpful, to figure out the metrics of energy that would need to be produced in order to better understand how much solar would need to be installed.

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 – *AR on T.O.S. Water Protection Plan: is coming up on the 8th of the month. The plan has been in development for 3 years, and originally this is intended to be the last hearing and then adopt it a couple of weeks later. However, it is not fully certain whether it will be approved or not. The main concern is that Home Rule will be taken away from the community. If it is adopted, the Town will have more say with what happens with the waterfront. It provides officials with the ability to decide how the Town's waterfront is protected.*
- 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 – *MB on large scale solar: it is not permitted in the code as a primary use; it is permitted to have an accessory code. Because it is not listed in the Use Table, it must first be listed as a Use. Also, must identify where it will be permitted and get some definitions ready (it should be included as a Special Exception). As far as hedges go, everyone must keep in mind the balance of having more solar installed while maintaining the local scenery.*

JS will be meeting with Katie Garvin and BF to discuss how it should be defined, what the utility scale would be, whether or not it's always accessory, etc. They have made the effort to identify sites, but none a proper because of restrictions; private parcels within range could also be identified.

BF has asked Town Attorneys and Department of Land Management to look at the PACE analysis and Ross from GIS to look at mapping, both private and public land. Once this is formulated, we should have someone from the Committee help in presenting this to the Town Board. Need to look at what Brookhaven Town is doing to insure that we protect open space, soil, etc. while encouraging large scale solar at the same time.

GR recommends, from East Hampton Town's perspective, to figure out the metrics as far as how much energy is consumed and how much solar would be needed to create the remaining capacity: how much do we want to be roof top solar? Parking lots? Farms?

- b. Energy and Carbon Audits
- c. Clean Energy Renewable
- 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 September 15th, 2015 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***

