

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 21, 2017 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), N. Palumbo (NP), J. John Burrows (JB), J. Keller (JK), J. Scherer (JS)

Non-members present: L. Gepes (LG)

Meeting was called to order at 4:07 PM. Meeting minutes from February 7th were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: JK- We need to expand to more than energy. Land use is important, as is renewable energy and septic. DVL-Voting on CPF is done, possible advice where there is a need. Points of low water, flooding, Suffolk County Department of Health for septic. JK-We need to start with a global picture. Focus on one thing, it's all interconnected. DVL – if you do one thing, it hits the other. JB if leadership doesn't say how it reaches the broader spectrum, the public won't know. It takes months and months and months to get movement. NP-how this committee works is we focus on different projects, presumably a singular focus meeting to meetings, we need to pick and support as a committee. JK-if we have a bunch of different projects to regroup, what can we focus on to get results. JS – we have more requirements, referrals, procedures and zoning changes sent to the Planning Board. NP-Capital expenditures create recommendations which need to be vetted which leads to designs which can be adopted by the Town Board. JS-we need a more flexible process, measurable, the bigger picture for any Town project. Make it LEED, make sure it is significant, satisfies objections, a criteria for the Town. JB-It should be performance based, we will get most holistic and not just checking boxes. 400+ plan is not specific, what are we trying to achieve and that's why we need to change culture.

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
- 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 – JK – *we should request as part of the certification that organic farmer use organic fertilizer, one without pesticides.*
- 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 –according to Bill Achnitz from NYSERA – three of our submissions have cleared. We are waiting the proposal for the last one. NP to follow up with CF re contract for EV charging station. Last point for potential \$150K grant.
- h. Neighborhood Pattern and Design –JS- Speonk Commons will be 100% Affordable house, public hearing scheduled for Feb. 28 at 6pm at the school. NP-this would be a great spot for Bike Share. JS-Hills has a lot of support but work still needs to be done, there is a lot of nitrogen. Canoe Place Rd is in site review, there was more nitrogen than originally though.
- i. Resilient Infrastructure

6. ENERGY / CARBON

- a. Long Term Energy Planning – DVL – contract has been approved by the Town of Southampton for Peak Power who is working on an extension of the original program.
- b. Energy and Carbon
- c. Clean Energy Renewable
- d. Energy and Carbon Reduction
- e. Education

7. GREEN BUILDING

- a. Sustainable New Construction – NP – As a committee we should request more efficiencies for the redevelopment of the Ponquogue Bathing Facility. The town demonstrates the reduction of greenhouse effects, but this redevelopment has no solar panels, LED lights, small wind turbine as part of the redesign. JS to draft resolution to require review by Sustainability Committee for any major capital project to insure sustainability is included in the project.
- 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
- g. Materials Exchange
- h. Paper
- i. Building waste
- j. Hazardous Waste
- k. Product Stewardship

- l. Long Term Waste Planning DVL- Sewage there's a lot of heaving lifting that needs to be done. GB – we should touch base with CPF, planning has knowledge and we want to see a plan moving forward. JB - East Hampton already put a plan out.

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 Vacant Land
- f. Forest and Vegetation

**** Meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday March 7th, 2017 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.**