

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 Southampton Town Hall

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

Non-members present: L. Gepes (LG)

Meeting was called to order at 4:06 PM. Meeting minutes from March 21st, 2017 were accepted. JH motioned to accept, AR seconded.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: GB Dieter, me and Lynn and Supervisor Schneiderman participated in a 15 minute interview on the Sustainability program, we will let you know when it will be aired. Just committee members received a copy of the deck, Lynn did a lot of work and so did Dieter. We are going to meet at work session, looking at the end of April. We want to make sure we haven't missed anything, misstated anything and if we need to make adjustments. AR I really love the format. LA what we have done and where we are going and what we could do in conjunction with capital project plans. NP What is the intent of this, what the committee has done or the Town? GB its committee focused, forum from our perspective focusing on sustainability action we want to do and the town wants to do. I see us as the group that takes the 400+ plan off the shelf and makes sure the town knows it and uses it. LA it's like their constitution, an annual board meeting like a report card it's the premise behind the presentation. NP I don't see it clearly, what we did report to the board what we have done and maybe it's for the town to say what they did. LA an expression of members as opposed to the town, areas we have been involved in, looking back, looking forward rounds it into the 10 bullets of the 400+ plan. GB so what have we missed, misstated anything. LA new term – champion, identify who on the committee was on that page, it's not about credit but who was involved, it's about us. GB this is an area where a person has a real passion and will get people to help move their project forward. JH are we as a committee supposed to aggregate or should the town be using it? Is it part of the comprehensive plan? AR We have to look at it, the town saw it and should use it as a guide. NP it's a totally different board. JH language considered AR this took a huge amount of time, read it several times and it's on the town's website. LA Christine Scalera is on the town board, she looked at it as an attorney not just a political view. NP the language says consider composting toilets it's written into the plan to at least be considered. **Capital project** plan we have that knowledge, talking to our liaison John is putting the responsibility back on us, meeting with the town board. It's a two way conversation, our opportunity, how best to do this going forward, define a process and move forward. JB if you initiate ideas they are very willing to listen. GB capital projects are posted, trying to get a formal process, where this committee signs off on projects, but we got push back – we're an advisory board, not a planning board. NP we should have to review their plan, it should be part of the code. JB it should be written into the RFP process. NP codes should require that it's written into the RFP. GB as part of this deck we addressed this issue in a way that is a bullet or slide that the board should be using the 400+plan. LA it's at the end. JK collaborate under Stewardship Topics. BG needs a separate page. LA reinforce the use of 400+plan within comprehensive plan for all town initiatives. JB can we put it on every page? JK goal is what it references, asterisk to remind everyone it came out of the 400+plan. LA like a legend. Stewardship is last but applies to all slides. GB we hear you and will figure out a way to incorporate it. LA – Water-added Liaise with CPF fund committee to set priorities. JK green building belongs under water – mapping. LA it belongs under multiple topics. NP Energy Carbon actions taken add offshore wind advocate, we did a lot. LA added under 2017 Complete Clean Energy Communities certification. JB complete climate action plan and the difficulty from town to community, complete agreed climate action plan for the municipality to adopt. Once we see good emissions then we can go ahead, it should be under Energy & Carbon. AR Plan then adopt climate action plan for government. AR if few were doing it then we should say complete. LA demand response is on the table and on my short list over the next six months, should I leave it off? NP talk about goals from 400+ to be carbon neutral but nowhere else, we need an implementation goals to get there, how are we going to do that? AR we didn't set goals. NP put that in there – set goals. LA state clean energy standard is part of it – 50% in 2030. NP make it 2017 goal. LA thinking ahead to work session, we need to pick our battles. NP is this our goals or the towns? LA I met Glenn who works for Joule Assets when he was presenting at EH Glenn points out as long as you're using grid wind it doesn't give you 100% since you can't identify where the electrons are from, you can't identify if some are from kinetic power purchase agreements. JK if you're generating more than consuming. LA you're never going to be 100%, NP just set a goal and work towards it as a committee member I'm frustrated that we can't suggest we can't be carbon neutral by 2020, if where not confident enough. AR is it even attainable. JK don't include a date but percentage of carbon reduction. LA there's no way to measure or a methodology. SC measure emissions and track if you've met it. NP We need to establish a plan and measurements. GB if town board expects us to come up with milestones, we don't have the man power. JK I think we have the manpower to set a goal. AR make it an aspirational goal, can't guarantee you can't get there. SC our electric is growing due to land use. NP I don't understand goal of carbon neutral; let's put some parameters. LA Let's do it and see what kind of reaction we get. Fundamentally we should have a target. AR the Rauch Foundation might have this methodology available, then a consultant would be useful. JB community solar start with a written code LA there is nothing we can do GB Dieter, Lynn & I worked on this and that's why it isn't in the deck. LA parcel land have put solar and sells of shares, no reason to spend all this time until business buy into solar. Power purchase agreements are through businesses, not individuals. Community solar works as a demand meter. SC the town can identify land parcels where community solar would be appropriate, we need to talk about it before PSEG does something. LA it's going to be my educational opinion excess roof space, it's cheaper, Kmart for example and sell off the excess. LA **Construction** of green buildings. NP 2016 actions the town put out an RFP for a developer to rezone Riverside. I could see where proactively this committee should bet behind. GB Nick invite the developer. SC we should invite Renaissance to provide an update on the Riverside Rediscovered project. GB **Education** it's focused on Tri-Energy plan. NP Google has a tool for rooftop solar, it can be used for entire communities, generating potential. **Quality Of Life** LA bridged crossover of energy and transportation. NP move bike share to transportation and add some discussion on quite community ideas. EQ Village established a green zone. JK advocate for use of non-pesticides. GB what is the county doing? NP there is a committee that reviews county property. SC

2017 discuss with Parks the use of pesticides, how many within the town are using pesticides. NP not just them but commercial cleaners. GB Advocate for enhanced pesticides restriction on CPF and town properties. **Transportation** Leaf is here SC option to explore additional opportunities for charging station. NP planning for electric charging stations for town fleet. Planned action to begin transitioning of town fleet. SC we need to re-engage with Tom Neely. NP if necessary hire a consultant, Roland could look at analysis even hire him to analysis the fleet. SC it would save the Town a lot of maintenance. EV for public access begin planning for charging stations. NP use parking credits. **Stewardship** AR move Tupper Boat House, Ponquogue Pavilion as Sustainability sites. SC we should focus on Good Ground Park (GGP) and fold it under Parks and Recreation (P&R). Invite P&R here to see what they are planning for the parks and their infrastructure. GB reinforce on accomplishments then challenges – lack of money, staff and all the things we want to do this year. Accomplishments – every slide has few points NP celebrate success and then what we want to do and some of the impediments that are stopping us from getting to the next level. AR an abbreviated version of what we have now. SC set the high, let them know where we want them to go in a kind, gentle way.

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
- 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
- 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

- b. Energy and Carbon
- 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
- g. Materials Exchange
- h. Paper
- i. Building waste
- j. Hazardous Waste
- k. Product Stewardship
- l. Long Term Waste Planning

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 6:11 PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday April 11th, 2017 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.**