

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 18, 2017 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: G. Berk (GB), J. Keller (JK), A. Riesman (AR), G. Raacke (GR), N. Palumbn (NP), J. Burmeister (JB), J. Scherer (JS), S. Smith (SS)

Non-members present: Councilman J. Bouvier (CJB), C. Fetten (CF), L. Gepes (LG)

Meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM. Meeting minutes from were accepted JB motioned to accept, JK seconded.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: Ongoing conversation took place discussing the updated PowerPoint that NP put together for meeting with the Town Board, target date sometime in May 2017. GB – purpose of a meeting is what we’ve done and to get the board’s input on what they want this committee to work on. It’s important that we keep sustainability in the forefront. NP – that’s what we’re trying to strategize about. How, where do we say it, we don’t want 400+ plan to sit on the shelf, we want our committee to be part of the process. The board wants to hear goals and then the rest for us to debate. Celebrate success, what is the cutoff point? GB - I think what I am hearing is that we focus on accomplishments; focus on getting the Town Board to use the 400+ Plan for all decision making; focus on several big goals and then still have the conversation with the board on what we should focus on. JK keep the boards eyes on the goal and make Southampton as sustainable as possible. GR How can we do even better? Set timelines as targets for goals mentioned in the 400+ Plan. Argue the 100% renewable pathway to achieving it solves about 1/3 of the equation. We cannot do everything at once, target three items to develop goals and time lines. GB I will regroup with Dieter and show him what we have.

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 –SS- *Shinnecock Environmental Department 6th Annual Earth Day Social will be Saturday May 6th, 2017 from 11am – 4pm working on restoration the shoreline, volunteers are welcome. We will have representatives from Cornell, Indian Health Services just to name a few.*

2. WATER

- a. Regional Clean Water Coalition
- b. Surface Water Quality
- c. Education –CF- *Sustainability Institute at Malloy College announced the screening of Sustainable Living Film Series on May 4ht, 6pm-9:30pm called Plastic Paradise. The film will show the effect of plastic contaminating Pacific Ocean and the harm it does. \$5.00 donation is suggested.*

- d. Regulated Water Conservation
- e. Water Treatment and Reuse
- f. Landscape Management – CF – *DEC is promoting new press release by email and radio encouraging limiting pesticides and educating what numbers mean on pesticide products.*
- g. Drinking Water Quality
- h. Groundwater Protection - CF- *Operation Medicine Cabinet, pamphlet where to bring unwanted prescription and over the counter drugs. For more information go to www.southamptontownny.gov*
- 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 –*CF- Great East End Clean UP will take place April 22nd & 23rd, had to register. First Stop date will be in May.*
- g. Neighborhood Pattern and Design
- h. Heat Island Effect

5. TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY

- a. Idling Reduction
- b. Bicycle – *NP- met with the County Executive and as we were presenting Regional Bike Sharing, was sold. County Executive wants to work on an RFP, assemble committees and invite the municipalities to participate. Meet with the Southampton Town Board to consider the regional plan. We also have a meeting scheduled with B. Fleming.*
- 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 - *GR – intergraded resources for LI electrical system is about to be finalized and released. The new forecast is almost flat and island wide the electric system isn't growing as though it would through 2035, it gives us time to build out renewable energy. LIPA doesn't need any more plants, major shift to their thinking. Thomas Falcone CEO wants to achieve governor's mandate of 50% island wide renewable energy before 2030.*
- d. Energy and Carbon Reduction
- e. Education –

7. GREEN BUILDING

- a. Sustainable New Construction
- b. Green Building Education – *CF – NYSERDA isn't sponsoring the audit, it is now PSEG. Fair Housing Expo is on April 26, 2017 4pm – 7:30pm there are a schedule of events to promote Tri-Energy, Green Homes, a number of items pertaining to tenants' rights, fair housing rights with Spanish translation. May 23, 2017 from 2:30pm – 3:30pm B. Fleming will*

be hosting Homeowner's Guide to Energy Efficiency at John Jermain Memorial Library.

- 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 - *SS – The Shinnecock Nation's goal is a closed sewer system upgrade. CF as you progress what systems are you looking to have? SS – Septic tank and layer cake with wood chips. GB that can last 20 years. SS –we need to get homeowners to agree and become test sites. Stony Brook will visit 1-2 times a month. We have the option to say which system we want.*

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 AR – *Tupper Boat House will be restored through three phases. Phase one will consist of stabilization, evaluating and weathering it and should start this fall with grand opening in 2019.*
- c. Fisheries
- d. Nutrients in Environment
- e. Education Vacant Land
- f. Forest and Vegetation

***** Meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday May 2, 2017 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***