

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 2nd, 2017 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), A. Reisman (AR), J. Burmeister (JB), B. Chaleff (BC), L. Arthur (LA), N. Palumbo (NP), J. Scherer (JS), G. Raacke (GR),

Non-members present: F. Zappone (FZ), C. Fetten (CF), L. Gepes (LG), R. Holdorf (RH)

Meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM. Meeting minutes from April 28th, 2017 were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: FZ - Supervisor gave his state of the Town address and recognized some of the efforts of this committee. The Supervisor outlined a proposal to add an “organic farming” easement as an option for future farmland preservation; he hopes will stimulate local food production. He also said he wants the Town to meet its stated goal of reducing its carbon footprint calling for a plan to provide 100% of the Town’s electrical energy needs through renewable energy sources by 2025. The town will submit a resolution for CCA which the board will vote on May 9th, Supervisor Jay Schneiderman and John Bouvier are co-sponsoring it. We are also working on a resolution authorizing the review of offshore drilling, the board will be stating town’s opposition to the environment and economic issues this would cause probably in early June. It would not be a law but an official statement of passion, no mandate just the town stating its position. The town would address letters to key representatives who play a role in the decision making this resolution is forthcoming. GB oil spills destroy beaches. FZ-problems created by the Gulf oil spill gave us real data the impact to resorts and marine life. It’s handy to have this in place to participate in programs, some organizations reach out we want to promote this idea, and will you support us. These are case wide net support Federally, State Wide, Locally it’s a line in the sand. We are working to strengthen some of the language in the plan. DVL look at what adding our voice to what East Hampton has done even how the plastic bag program snowballed. GR – LIPAs chart of renewable is larger. DVL – Propose motion to support Town Board’s 100% renewable energy, all were in favor.

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 – NP – Made a presentation to the Town Board on 4/20/17 which was well received. Lots of

positive feedback. Met on Monday with Bridget Fleming, she is going to support the effort and met with Fred Thiele. USGBC-LI (U.S. Green Building Council-Long Island) is hosting a Sustainable Transportation event on May 24th, 2017 from 5pm-8pm. Two panel discussion on the latest developments in bike share, electric vehicles technology, incentives and NYSERDA will be there. Infrastructure is being pushed out, savings \$7,500 from Federal and \$2,500 from State.

- 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 – LA – I have a meeting on Thursday May 4th, 2017 at 10am to present to the Town Board, hopefully we can get a public hearing.
- b. Energy and Carbon
- c. Clean Energy Renewable – LA –PSEG’s independent study came back and came up with the same conclusion from an outside consultant which anticipates demand is declining due to energy efficiency’s. GR- LIPA is planning to use generators to fulfill contingency requirements, not during peak demand. The run time of East Hampton is 4 hours and Montauk is less than 32 hours for the entire summer. They will not run during peak demand when everything else is working like it should.
- d. Energy and Carbon Reduction
- e. Education – We did a direct mailing to Flanders, Riverside, East Quogue and Hampton Bays. We are going to track how many contact Green Homes for something. We are looking to set up solar home tours and work with vendors willing to host meetings. Julie B. has volunteered to help me with the school information, there is a community of children who expressed interest in a project and this program crossed math/science community service requirements.

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 – BC - Met Kelly Smith a self-described attorney activist about a week and a half ago who was looking for an update on Shinnecock Nation and the sewage system. It’s a big organization with lots of people looking at everyone’s septic system, we must have collective systems.

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 – Thursday another bid packet to probe before the Boathouse is raised, then a 3rd bid packet. Committee is working with the town, doing what we think we need to do to get the word out. DVL – timeline? AR – several phases, phase one won’t be completed until the spring of 2018, then we have two more phases to go though.
- c. Fisheries
- d. Nutrients in Environment
- e. Education Vacant Land
- f. Forest and Vegetation

**** Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday May 16th, 2017 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.**