

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 15, 2017 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. Von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), L. Arthur (LA), N. Palumbo (NP), J. Burmeister (JB), J. Halsey (JH), G. Raacke (GR), J. Scherer (JS)

Non-members present: C. Fetten (CF), L. Vosilla (LV), Guest – K. Styler (KS)

Meeting was called to order at 4:08 PM. DVL – any questions/comments on the minutes? JB are we going to get LIPA/PSEG here next time? DVL postponed due to lawsuits, they have not responded to any correspondences, even before the lawsuits. Meeting minutes from were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: LA - Beautiful display on quiet communities. NP I think that ties into CSC (Climate Smart Communities) too. CF ties into comingling topics into one presentation – Stormwater, Fossil Fuel, Waste Management which goes directly into water quality – a simple picture gram. The more education the more recognition. NP – I picked up this sign at an event; it goes in the ground and is for clean energy – it says “I Love Long Island and states no pesticides or high nitrogen fertilizers where used on this property. Website says: Ilovelongisland.org, it’s a visible way to show this property was being maintained. CF – I’d have to look up the code to see if the sign is an issue. NP – I’m stealing the idea of the campaign that provides recognition. How do we get big estates and rentals when they are not always here? Maybe a good neighbor campaign, contribute in some tangible way a checklist of things to be mindful of. DVL fits in well; what can we do as a group? NP visible recognition, establish different ways people can be eligible. CF land, air, water – a gold star for not using fertilizer. NP do it in an interesting way – like A Good Neighbor. CF the combination of it is contagious. JB I’m a good neighbor could replace I love LI. NP as part of the CSC there are ways to achieve that designation.

LA – PSEG pole project in Eastport has initiated a lawsuit with Town of Brookhaven and a law judge has to allow the Town of Southampton to join in. East Hamptons suit is over a year old and awaiting a decision. Discussion ensued related to whether or not PSEG/LIPA is considered an Agency and subject to SEQRA. The Public Authorities Law section 1014 exempts them in terms of the Shoreham property but would have to research if they are exempt on other items. The lawsuit would contend that they did not consider alternatives such as burying the lines. JS consulted a book entitled “Environmental Impact Review in New York” to determine if the action was on the Type II List. CF requested word with owners of right of way and get permission on this work. JS we did sue them. Further discussion about precedent was related to use and placement of poles within of the Town’s right-of-ways. GR I’m not a lawyer but can it be litigated under SEQRA is one question. The Town Attorney’s office would have to weigh in. JS if it’s on type two list there isn’t anything that can be said but it is worth considering. For more information on the Environmental Impact Review in New York please visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6208.html>

1. EDUCATION

- a. Town Employees
- b. Homeowners and Other Residents *LA- I originally was targeting one meeting a week but reviewed my data and decided waiting until after Labor Day. Flanders meeting had lots of questions, but only one out of 30 in the audience signed up. I spoke with Frank, it has a lot to do with the community, slow on the uptake.*
- c. Business Owners
- d. Primary School Education
- e. Educational signage
- f. Food Production & Consumption
- g. Outreach - *LA- I met with Councilwoman Scalera and Councilman Bouvier to discuss CCA, they recommended that I get with each board member, education them more. I’m going to do that in the next few weeks, get feedback*

and strategizes with John. Janice asked where this stands, language is ready-doesn't need another work session.

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- Spoke with J. Keys county planner to see where things stood. Jonathan explained that two grants were originally submitted, the second one he is waiting to hear on the funding for that submission and suggested we wait and try to do this together. I tried to get hold of B. Fleming, I'm not sure if Councilman Bouvier was able to get with her. I met with J. Scherer there was a bicycling plan from 10 to 11 years ago, a wealth of information in the Long Term Planning Dept., very detail plan. It is possible to resurrect them, use as a jumping off point. GB something for 2018.
- 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 5:18 PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday September 19th, 2017 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.**

Additional 2017 Meeting Dates:

Sept. 19th, Oct 3rd, Oct. 17th, Nov 21st, Dec. 5th, Dec. 19th