

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 2, 2019 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), G. Anthony (GA) J. Gloriso (JG), T. Brolin (TB), J. Ewing (JE), S. Hunnewell (SH), V. Gorman (VG)

Non-members present: Councilman J. Bouvier (CJB), C. Fetten (CF), M. Leiberman (ML), L. Vosilla (LV), D. Reilly (DR), K. Van Sickle (KVS), M. Haubner (MH)

Meeting was called to order at 4:01PM. Meeting minutes from June 18 were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: TB can we put in a disclaimer concerning the numbers that were given as they are unsubstantiated. GB minutes are for what is said, we cannot put a disclaimer; we report on what was actually said at the meeting and cannot alter the minutes.

GB we will be reporting to the Town Board on July 11, 2019 at 10AM. DR is the public permitted? DVL yes. CJB follow a schedule make sure to leave something behind to read. GB we have an updated presentation and are open to suggestions from committee members. Contact/email Lynn or me. CJB I have been appointed to Suffolk County CCA task force. Working on energy source, LIPA, PSEG, rates. Thanks to the hard work of Legislator B. Fleming.

DVL JG do we have an update on the Balloon Ban? JG we are tying up the research. TB by end of July. JG Still doing lots of research, subjectively.

DVL I sent the rest of the Leaf blower ban subcommittee all the comments I received. TB amazing what is being done across the country, municipalities banning them for the summer. DVL Last time Southampton Town was looking at broader scale, not short scale but a long term to give industries time to replace equipment with electric equipment. Councilwoman C. Scalera started on this with Quiet Community, town bought electric equipment for Parks and is moving in the right direction. Southampton Village posted a ban for the summer months May – September. Two points, first one is that it is not commercially viable. SH not true. DVL secondly financial burden, cost of maintenance and gas has a shorter return on getting pay back on investment. In NJ some banks are offering good rates to purchase new equipment. GB my landscaper is concerned that we are starting first with leaf blowers but might all gas equipment be banned. VG what does the town use? CF Echo, Green Machine, DeWalt, CJB we use all and they get better. SH fantastic. DVL B. Sager Huntington CALM with Carl Grossman talk about the negative impact on the health of workers from gas leaf blowers, it's a no brainer. VG what about fall cleanup? SH do they have two different sets of equipment? DVL it lets everyone get used to it. TB buy electric and maintain gas. SH why do that? CJB some companies, the large ones transition; equipment becomes obsolete as it breaks it it's replaced as opposed to having to replace it all at once, slowly over time. DVL any ban will be a few years out. ML like we are doing with our fleet. CJB it's in investment not just in equipment compare it to electric cars we want the infrastructure; point A to B get places to charge. CF how many people here who use landscapers that use electric equipment? CF Does the battery last? CJB batteries don't last. CF I have similar issue. GA electric tools when it's raining, batteries not good in cold and need more replacing. CJB CCA will give us a choice of where the power comes from.

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 *ML the county announced several western Suffolk County municipalities have sponsors for Zgster. J. Keys said in the next year or two, maybe other towns. PedalShare got sponsors but wouldn't be available until later in the season. Zagster planned on five stations with five bikes on each. JE how does it work? ML download the app, ride and return it to alternate station, these are dock systems. CJB contract precludes us from going to another company. ML the Town will pursue a bike share program either with the county or with PedalShare, depending on contract agreements and rollout dates.*
 - 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 4:56PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.**
- Additional 2019 Meeting Dates:**
 July 16th, Aug. 6th & 20th, Sept. 3rd & 17th, Oct. 1st & 15th,
 Nov. 19th, Dec. 3rd & 17th