

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 16, 2019 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: G. Berk (GB), G. Anthony (GA), J. Gloriso (JG), T. Brolin (TB), J. Ewing (JE), L. Arthur (LA), S. Hunnewell (SH)

Non-members present: Councilman J. Bouvier (CJB), C. Fetten (CF), M. Leiberman (ML), L. Vosilla (LV), M. Haubner (MH), C. Frank (CF1), L. Potapchuk (LP)

Meeting was called to order at 4:02PM. Meeting minutes from the July 2, 2019 meeting were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: GB Balloon Ban update. JG I'm torn, with a ban we can affect some businesses, at the same time if we do nothing we are impacting the environment. TB there are pros/cons which I outlined and am enlisting feedback. Proposals may literally be hurting business by losing money, others increase the costs of other products. CF the person that spoke at a previous meeting had the word Balloons in the name of her business. ML balloons have a one-time use unlike plastic bags. CF balloons are inherently nostalgic, still they break and end up in our neighbor's yards. ML plastic mimic's jellyfish, Surfrider did a presentation. TB unfortunately current data is not available. SH ten year old data, balloons in California Mylar conduct electricity all numbers are based on that. CJB lots of wildlife become entangled with balloons, strings - seeing these poor animals trying to get free. TB someone suggested if we want to clean up beaches it might be a fight worth fighting. What should we go after? GB should the committee be taking a different direction? LA reduce greenhouse gases; transportation is the biggest offender and there has not been a lot of focus. TB look at the 400+ plan and align. LA one area is the Solid Waste. CJB amount of plastic generates energy about 25% CO2 emissions and waste stream is a global issue. CF Waste Management is a huge pressure on the Transfer Stations; recycling cardboard with paper contamination like never before, the comingling as part of our IMA goes to Islip and we get fined when its contaminated. CJB important issues facing Waste Management globally and we haven't come to terms with it. Fundamentally change how separate companies work; all plastics are recyclable, bridge the gap. How CO2 impacts lives daily, understand how it impacts.

SH Leaf blower ban is a similar dilemma. In talking with landscapers and manufacturers the top line electric batteries last ½ an hour and costs \$1,300. JG Commercial or Residential? SH Commercial, we came to a grinding halt. What do you do? Village has a ban yet it doesn't seem to be enforced. CJB need to fix that part of the law. JE they were supposed to stop over the summer. GB need two sets of equipment. JE who is paying? JG use a rake. GB people will not willing to pay for the extra time. JG unfair, not in their budget, need time to phase out equipment, this was a bad winter for them, no snow. CJB battery technology is moving in the right direction, alternatives are battery banks of 7 or more as an alternative. How are they charging the batteries? It's a cultural change. JG Educate, outreach. ML Leave leaves on the lawn, we have Quiet Communities in our town, solar panels on vans, time restrictions.

CJB C. Franks is moving here and does branding/marketing for a living, data driven. LA great news.

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 – *Huntington withdrew from Suffolk County Bike Share agreement. TB what does that do? CF Zagster's commitment is to look at different locations. TN, ML & KC looked at locations that focused on Bridgehampton and Hampton Bays. ML Moving forward proposing Ponquogue, Tiana Beach, Good Ground Park, across from the LIRR by the Post Office in Hampton Bays. App thru phone, deploy in August. Work Session is scheduled for the 18th, Resolution was submitted for July 23rd meeting; need licensing agreement. There is one parcel within the Trustees jurisdiction, if we go with that we need to get on their work session then a hearing. Potential to link Ponquogue to the inlet.*
 - 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 *The NYSEERDA Public Information Meeting has been rescheduled into a TBD date in September*
 - 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 5:26PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.**
- Additional 2019 Meeting Dates: Aug. 6th & 20th, Sept. 3rd & 17th, Oct. 1st & 15th, Nov. 19th, Dec. 3rd & 17th**