

## Town of Southampton

### Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 Southampton Town Hall

**Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), N. Palumbo (NP), G. Anthony (GA), J. Gloriso (JG), T. Brolin (TB), J. Ewing (JE), S. Hunnewell (SH)**

**Non-members present: M. Haubner (MH), L. Vosilla (LV)**

**Meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM. Meeting minutes from were accepted.**

#### Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: DVL has everyone received the comments about Helium? Does everyone agree? JG yes but I think there will be issues with a full out ban we will get resistance. TB from balloon people. GA big businesses not the mom & pop shops. DVL research shows resistance. The question is shall we, can we recommend to the Board a ban on Helium? With all the opposition maybe a ban on Mylar & helium is something everyone can live with and leave latex. JE not a big deal. GB at the public hearing for the straw ban several speakers said we should ban balloons. TB proposing is different than what was investigated. NP Helium balloons; Mylar-helium filled covers that. GB it has to be defined. MH I saw balloons in a planter that wasn't filled with helium. GA there not going to float up. DVL we need language for the Town Board. JG latex is okay. TB Mylar, helium can have language to that affect, to get feedback. NP those who are responsibly using balloons – sculptures we shouldn't go after that most are disposing of them responsible. TB single use, propose present and future language. JE any complete bans? TB/JG –no JG what about rubber? Are we missing some things? Latex is ok not Mylar. GB judgment on what's inside. TB helium filled balloons. GA any other gases we need to worry about? TB lighter than air. DVL language for release. JG done. GB Next steps law and presentation for the committee to approve then get with CJB for work session.

**Leaf Blowers** SH we did lots of research on why gas powers are dreadful. We talked to a lot of landscapers they are not opposed to a summer ban but it would be impossible for spring/fall clean up. Battery technology isn't there yet. We propose starting with a summer ban using same dates as the village and progress to a year round ban at some later date. Too much resistance year round at this point in time. GB agree the law should include a date in the future for year round. Allow landscapers to start replacing equipment. JG Two to three year for the ban give them time to purchase new equipment. SH we don't know when technology is going to catch up. GB it's the future, let them know its' coming. SH ban would be for next summer. DVL timeline for end of use. JE don't know if we know the technology. DVL Oregon and Washington DC have a full ban. 2023/2024 or some timeline given. TB are there examples from other states on how they came up with the dates? DVL all arguments and timeline for total ban. GB leaf equipment lasts a long time. If replaced every three years there is an economic factor. SH/TB summertime ban doesn't bother them that much. DVL village so relieved that they don't blow every day there's a noticeable difference. Can we suggest/recommend the Town to coordinate with the village on licensing of landscapers? Make it easier and evens the playing field.

**Strategies-** TB propose Sustainability Committee Goals develop/implement a Climate Action Plan that would specify how the Town not just town facilities could become carbon neutral by 2040. This may require the 400+ plan be amended. GB clearly define what is needed to make it work. TB put this together, umbrella goals guiding details which falls into two categories Waste and Global warming. Two overarching goals. DVL Review 400+ plan who should be assigned, we need to put someone on this. TB oversight. NP someone has role to granular use goals in place serve as watchdog. GB invite JS and ML to next meeting. Print 400+ plan to refer to.

#### 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 *NP have we tried educating the community TB How? NP Forums, public events, demonstrations, education programs, economic process.*

#### 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- Trustees tabled H Road station. GB that passed. NP Town Board work session is scheduled with Zagster, there's a concern that PedalShare will stop the process. GA doesn't Zagster have the county contract? Couldn't the town sign off on it? GB Southampton wasn't on the original list. NP that's what the town has to decide.
  - 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 DVL received message from LA –LA spoke at the Hempstead town board meeting today during its public hearing on CCA. She was the last speaker after which they unanimously

*voted in favor and passed the resolution Hempstead is the second municipality on LI to pass the enabling CCA legislation, however they are initially focused exclusively on gas. They plan to investigate electricity after they secure a new supplier for gas assuming they get a better deal.*

- 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 5:26 PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***

***Additional 2019 Meeting Dates: Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>***