

## Town of Southampton

### Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 20, 2019 Southampton Town Hall

**Members present:** D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), G. Anthony (GA), T. Brolin (TB), N. Palumbo (NP), J. Ewing (JE), S. Hunnewell (SH), V. Gorman (VG), J. Scherer (JS), J. Burmeister (JB), A. Reisman (AR)

**Non-members present:** Councilman J. Bouvier (CJB), F. Zappone (FZ), C. Fetten (CF), M. Leiberman (ML), D. Reilly (DR), M. Haubner (MH), L. Vosilla (LV)

**Meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM. Meeting minutes from were accepted.**

#### Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: **Balloon Ban** DVL how are we doing with the report? TB we should have a presentation ready for our next meeting, what we are going to recommend, we have to look at existing law and will make a proposal and see how it goes with the committee, CJB can give feedback. **Climate Action Plan (CAP)** – DVL where can we help and assist the town in getting from bronze to silver? ML currently we are at 181 points, silver is 300 points. NYS is changing the model it is online and I'm meeting with a representative in mid Sept. to familiarize myself with the changes. Some items will be grandfathered but not all, adjustments will be done in January so we should use our resources to get to silver. JS DVL asked us to put together a top 10 list that could be the focus that aligns with Project Drawdown, Sustainability Plan and CAP. ML it's not limited, its more supporting for example education is intuitive, a gap, it's a moving policy. JS getting CAP adopted leaves us room for getting points ahead of January's changes. By getting more points now puts us in line for grants and assistances, it puts us ahead of the curve. ML it gives us direct eligibility for grants. Clean energy: we have seven now; there's a whole new tier, we need you at stage two. JS preview the plan to support the program to get to silver. CJB don't wait for work session. CAP is pulled out of Sustainability. GB what are things we haven't done? ML lots it's a broad active participation. TB Direct connection to Project Drawdown. ML over two dozen fine-tuned items are part of CAP. DR there's at least 40 items. ML I overlaid it with the Sustainability list. NP it's a good starting point. Low hanging fruit lets' get policies adopted for what we are doing already. NP education has a whole section, great way to education if the town leads by example with policies, futures of buildings, the more deliberate the town is the more others will follow. TB in 2009/2010 we helped the town become slimmer – all town and commercial buildings designed had to have energy star requirements. NP follow the process and the range of techniques. CJB Code incentives, tax exemptions are available but few take advantage of it. NP Town projects? CJB Best we can do we sometimes need to retro fit slightly different than new construction, there's cost restrictions. NP LEED is sympatric to retro constraints. JS Policy sets forth the metric, what can we do to make it more sustainable? Take steps and look at it. CJB Follow it to a T. TB Town Code design was meant for energy star. ML amend the Town Building Chapter 123 NP LEED isn't really more expensive. CF love the idea of LEED points without commissioning current projects and short falls. HVAC has different elements. Independent electric systems are real costs associated with it, we work under the NYS contract; LEED material for instances flooring and the costs differ off contracts. We have a finite budget and have to get it done at the same time. NP easier if from the outset of the project is LEED defined. GA put in the RFP design and managing for major projects using elements of sustainability in them. FZ the capital project plan has sustainable materials in it, examine more general request of the board and request it as part of the code. Capital projects go through a code review criteria is established and scored including building and designs. JS go through the list individually. ML – I will send updated information, send in your feedback, ideas, something to work with. GB make sure it's something your passionate about. **Trees** DVL what do you think of a tree subcommittee? GB Town code's APOD limits how much land can be cleared, trees stay to protect the water. GB Before we set up a new subcommittee, let's get input from the entire committee as to new projects. CJB the towns involved with tree planting as part of the beautification program. DVL waste water through irrigation there's no accounting for it. Should the committee get involved it? CJB water is at the state and county level, encourage them to look at it harder.

#### 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- TB resolution passed, there will be 5 stations with up to 25 bikes total. Locations are Ponquogue & Tiana Beach, Road H, outside HB Post Office and Good Ground Park. Program will run from 9/5/19 - November, then redeploy in April. DLV feedback on LIRR trains & SFCC? CJB it's growing.*
- 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 *AR- Town has sent out a second round of bids for the Tupper Boathouse renovation; waiting to hear. CJB bids came in higher than expected, we are looking at alternatives.*
- c. Fisheries
- d. Nutrients in Environment
- e. Education Vacant Land
- f. Forest and Vegetation

**\*\* Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.**

**Additional 2019 Meeting Dates:**

**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>**