

## Town of Southampton

### Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 Southampton Town Hall

**Members present:** D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), J. Glorioso (JG), G. Anthony (GA), T. Brolin (TB), N. Palumbo (NP), J. Barrows (JB), J. Ewing (JE), S. Hunnewell (SH), J. Burmeister (JB1), H. Roussel (HR), L. Arthur (LA), E. Engel-Snow (ES), K. Allen (KA)

**Non-members present:** Councilman J. Bouvier (CJB), C. Fetten (CF), M. Haubner (MH), L. Vosilla (LV), M. Zegarelli (MZ)

**Guests:** Jamie Banks (JB2), Steven Jones (SJ) – Presentation on Quiet Communities

**Meeting was called to order at 4:06 PM. Meeting minutes from were accepted.**

#### Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: NP Executive Director at Quiet Communities organization, fantastic international sustainability leader working for the reduction of gas powered leaf blowers and other equipment, Jamie Banks. This ties into our local outreach and the good progress ties into the discussions we have had. JB2 – It's through folks like you, Steven and I address the view from a holistic view, gas tools, two stroke engines emit noise and air pollution. Congratulations to the Town of Southampton for making behavioral changes. Initially, gas power equipment users pushed back opposing the stick, the carrot is a positive solution. This change is a team effort, the participation of AGZA, QC, Local Support; Steven and Nick, Councilperson Christine Scalera (CCS), Supervisor Schneiderman. NP CCS planned on joining, but will join our next meeting. JB2 Pursuant to the Town Council the impact of gas tools on workers/homeowners health, quality of life there is lots of frustration which calls for a positive forum. The East Quogue Green Zone is zero emissions, low noise and hosted a workshop where employees from Parks & Rec. tested battery and electrical equipment. What we saw when they could try the equipment was a change in attitude and they came on board. CF, KD, JE and staff made it a successful event, worked with initial equipment starting at Town Hall. In 2018 Town Hall dedicated Green Zone. Where batteries and electric cannot do the work, Parks & Rec will use the gas equipment for the major fall and spring clean-ups. The town is moving towards all electric handheld landscaping maintenance equipment based on TBR2019-408. This initiative presents an opportunity to substantially reduce toxic pollution, noise, waste and greenhouse gases by transitioning maintenance of its municipal lands to zero-emission low-noise equipment. JB This is low-hanging fruit. There's been significant development in technology specifications for commercial batteries and electric equipment, they are more robust, run time and charging time is better. DVL – are you saying such equipment exists? JB yes DVL why are landscapers saying it doesn't? JB market perspective, it costs more, it's like buying your fuel ahead of time. KD and JE pushed what's negative, which was very little – string trimmers can overheat. KA biggest bad guy is leaf blowers. JB it depends on your prospective, noise exhaust, and CO2, maybe incentives, draft a law. CJB need to push assembly and elected officials to provide those incentives. **Balloon Ban** - TB following other laws, we have updated our recommendation to refer lighter than air gasses, ban the sale, distribution, or release is prohibited. DVL next work session

#### 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
- c. Complete Streets
- d. Demand – Reduce VMT
- e. Public Transportation –*DVL South Fork Commuter Connection (SFCC) has a great success rate 25% increase in ridership, commuter buses not used as much as expected. Assemblyman Thiele is looking to see about reducing cost. NP There is a public hearing for a microtransit pilot. It's an idea the county is exploring transit on demand service. Suffolk Community College is hosting a transportation symposium at the Brentwood campus, T. Neely will talk about the SFCC success. Bike share is up and running with five stations.*
- 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 – *JE received a map of CPF parcels. L. Kombrink is to get back to me concerning what parcels we can plant trees on. I asked for an overlay of the individual school districts in the town. The DEC will donate unlimited amount of seedlings. Ideally start teaching children to plant in schools and expand to CPF sites. GB Need to include school administrators in discussion if the project will be part of the curriculum. DVL – similar to clean up but join for Arbor Day, maybe funds from local banks. J. Fayyaz from Bridgehampton High School JB/ES can reach out.*

**\*\* Meeting was adjourned at 5:21PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.**

**Additional 2019 Meeting Dates:**

**Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> & Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**