

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), J. Glorioso (JG), G. Anthony (GA), T. Brolin (TB), J. Ewing (JE), S. Hunnewell (SH), J. Burmeister (JB), H. Roussel (HR), K. Allen (KA), J. Scherer (JS), V. Gorman (VG)

Non-members present: C. Fetten (CF), M. Lieberman (ML), L. Vosilla (LV), M. Zegarelli (MZ)

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

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: **Balloon Ban** DVL, nothing new to add. Looking to schedule work session trying to find out if it should be held before or after the election. **Leaf Blower Ban** – SH finished doing the research and we are ready to go. JE who will present? DVL I will. **Tree Planting** - DVL where are we? JE our concept is to leverage the DEC program. We need to get the information out to interested parties, we put together a flyer. SH getting the maximum number of people to know about the program; homeowners, communities, distribute to schools, businesses and environmental industries. Get the children involved, maybe have competition between the schools. Just so everyone is aware this is not the final list of trees available, we want to look at native species. Four recommended native plants that attract native insects that attract native birds. DVL is there land anywhere which can be used that is owned by the town and then establish the possibilities getting schools involved, local banks to assist with the cost? Where are we with the overlay maps? JE what parcels we do not have the information yet, CPF is working on it. HR CPF parcels – met with Planning and fill in the rest of the information. Areas we can use; located types of plants suitable for climate change adoption, land washes away, we need plants that hold the soil down, deep rooted plants. A. Branco the PEP is working on the same project in the city, maybe we should put our resources together and adopt strategies, get information then talk about a plan. GB can we get the flyer information into the tax bills? CF tax bills might be difficult if anyone else is putting their information in there, personal email contacts cannot be on the flyer. If we want to get them in and have the plants survive M. Shea can promote native vegetation that is durable. SH we did speak with him, the ones on the flyers are some of what he recommended. Maybe a shorter list linked on the website. Planning knows what needs to be reseeded. VG good points sharing information, does the town have Facebook, Instagram? ML There is a Sustainability Page that CRC can use, no Instagram. CF CRC can push information out as well. DVL Lots of different layers; pilot program and management properties, education component and Code amendment and what will CPF allow. ML Stewardship 77B – protect old growth (tree ordinance protection); Zero Scaping - 005. CF Huge Stormwater mitigation, ML not referenced, old growth, forest changes light hits bottom floor, know what to protect. HR Green infrastructure, the ground floor. ML promote all of them, bio diversity and ecosystem. KA clearing is the root of the problem, trees take 20 to 40 years to grow and only 10% survive. TB clearing restrictions are ignored. Part of the effort should make it painful to violate. JS Aquifer Protection Overlay District (APOD) restricts clearing if it falls within the overlay district. JB anything we can do? KA temperature has risen 8-12 degrees micro climate changes brings about depleting water resources, impacts tree canopy's that bring the temperature down. JS write recommendations natural bases – Aquifer recharge finds most deep ground water make rational reason to expand it. Track more vegetation to offset the climate impact, have APOD tree protection standard, and look at site and subdivision standards. HR aquifer cleans water, adaption climate flooding, unique to trees that help filter water. JS look at framework, look at areas to solve, come up with ideas. GB adopt part of the master plan, environment, 10 categories, and benchmark. DVL – there are three prongs: Public, Schools and Committees. GB Communication Subcommittee? DVL put it on the agenda when ready.

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
- 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 5:04PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***

Additional 2019 Meeting Dates:
Oct. 15th, Nov. 19th, Dec. 3rd & 17th