

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Anthony (GA), T. Brolin (TB), J. Ewing (JE), S. Hunnewell (SH), J. Burmeister (JB), K. Allan (KA), N. Palumbo (NP),

Non-members present: L. Vosilla (LV), M. Haubner (MH), D. Reilly (DR) P. Meever (PM),

DrawDown: R. Calvert (RC), M. Anthony (MA)

Meeting was called to order at 4:04PM. Meeting minutes from 10/1 were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: DVL we have with us RC, MA from Drawdown, DR would you like to do the introductions. DR Drawdown East End is a community group reaching the five East End towns from Riverhead to East Hampton and Shelter Island, which helps with policies and ways to share findings. RC thank you. It is a motivating way of looking at and changing/reversing global warming - to become more resilient. Drawdown tries to find active ways to drive collaboration, wetland mitigation, reforestation, fortifying soil. We analyzed the towns 400+ plan and came up with 30 solutions, what we might do. Global perspective is different scale, relative to local issues. Look at the categories for Southampton, look at the communities significant actions to address the issues, impressive plans with coastal resources. Drawdown's focus is to keep up with plans, observing and recommending solutions for all 30 items. We haven't figured out where they fit into being carbon neutral or what role to play in the climate action plan. It is important to understand the climate smart community plan, try and recommend CSC compared to aspects of our comprehensive plan, commitments are not the same. MA complementary to the Sustainability 400+ plan, Drawdown's coastal wetland preservation can operate within Town Code Chapter 325. If that gets done we will achieve a large carbon sink hole. Three areas have great possibilities utilizing processes in place where Drawdown can fit. DR how do you image Drawdown interacting with us? DVL looking at wetland issues to tackle to large and big for us. We have cooperated with Stony Brook's School of Maritime & Atmospheric Science (SOMAS) building reefs of clams/oysters – you could cooperate with them. Tree plantings is a new issue we started, JE can bring us up to date, JB and HR are part of the group. Cooperative exchange is better we both learn. TB broader view, clearly within the charter, engage with wetlands, Town Board respects our recommendations, but should do more. RC Pointing to shared responsibility for the plan. CSC action team, diverse membership within the town, government, department heads and citizens create action plan, implementation and tracking. NP work on public engagement, engage larger communities, get buy in from residents. DR we would like to make Drawdown a household word and need a clear plan on what prioritizing will get us there. DVL RC suggest next steps? DR out of the 30 chosen, narrow it down more. DVL make it specific to our area before we can bring it to the Legislation program. **P. Meeker (PM)** from Southold and part of the Counsel dealing with the same issues and looking for best practices. **Trees** - DVL update. JE working on a pilot approach with a school in Southampton. J. Hiller will take on the project at the school, every class level each student buy seedlings. DVL how about the watering, where will they plant them. Do we have maps? Maps know where there are open areas to get them planted. JB part of the original plan was to have legislation/code changes for site plans before anyone can cut down trees. KA we have drafted legislation but having discussing with individuals, public comment. **Potential Committee Targets-** DVL Plastic items - should we go after all of them? SH yes, JE yes, TB why not. KA- what about leaf blowers? SH we are waiting to present at 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
- 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 5:37 PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***

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