

## Town of Southampton

### Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 Southampton Town Hall

**Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), J. Glorioso (JG), T. Brolin (TB)**

**Non-members present: Councilman J. Bouvier (CJB), Councilman R. Martel (CRM), M. Lieberman (ML), T. Romano (RM), Lauren Carozzi (LC), M. Zegarelli (MZ), L. Vosilla (LV)**

**Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM. Meeting minutes from were accepted.**

#### Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: DVL is the data available for possible updating the town code clearing restrictions in the APOD? ML we are working on determining property list that would determine APOD restriction guidelines. ML HERS waiting on more data to put together to see if what we are drafting will float for Work Session. We are trying to get Council's opinion before scheduling work session. We should have a better idea after this week. We had J. Barrows look at the draft. DVL any update on the Town Board Work Session Gas leaf blowers? CJB I've spoken with attorney C. Scalera while she was on the counsel and it was part of her initiative. This would be a big change to our code, I suggest you speak with C. Scalera about the suggested changes and get her on our next agenda as there is a bit of resistance as it stands. We need to get this straighten out, I've held back legislation as we need more support and should consider it closer to summer. GB bigger issue is the times when gas blowers can be used, the code is 7am-7pm we want it to be 8am-6pm which drastically changes our code. DVL is it possible we can have a separate category? CJB there is a policy set in place, check with the attorney we want to give this teeth. TB let's not wait two weeks, set up a separate discussion. DVL it's already in place, GB please include me I don't want to create a whole new code. CJB it's the appropriate time for support but it's not unanimous, we have experienced some pushback from companies; solving this may solve that. GB major difference compared to the village are bigger properties in the town, lots of landscapers not licensed. DVL Helium balloons the supervisor asked for a two question survey; 1- Do you agree that balloons released into the environment present a danger to the environment and to wildlife? 2- Should the Town of Southampton prohibit the sale, distribution and release of any type of balloon filled with a lighter than air gas? Survey will be available on line until Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, so far 92% agree balloons are harmful, for question two 60% are in favor of a ban 40% opposed based on about 700 votes. ML have we coordinated with Surfriders and let them weight in? TR I'm with Surfriders and haven't heard about it. CJB I know Surfriders just picked up beach litter so the timing is perfect and could be a big portion. CRM its one survey per device. DVL with the influx of Surfrider the numbers will go way up. ML Surfriders should be aware and send out an email blast or give them the link to give to their members. GB State plastic bag ban law was vague it's left to the DEC to implement. TB read the law it doesn't contain thickness, any plastic is prohibited. GB General way so DEC could interpret it. TB authority from legislation. GB who is charged with implementing the procedures? TB important our legislation isn't needed if it conflicts with what we already have plastic bags could get around ours. TB contact DEC and see where it's at. LC Citarella bags are think. DVL ban water bottles at town facilities. CRM Ponquogue Beach vendor makes his biggest profit margin on water bottles, I'm all for getting rid of them can we give alternatives? GB facilities at town need chilled water – sell refillable bottles. ML they are sold in the vending machines at town hall. GB its offensive to have the different boards on SeaTV with plastic water bottles in front of them. ML What about other types like bottles made from corn? TR corn bottles are recycled at special facilities who handle them there is a specific way they get composted, if left in the sun they change form/fall apart won't compost. CRM what's the cost? CJB research is needed we need data to answer questions and can be convincing. TB We need a subcommittee and verify everything on the on the 2020 target list. CJB there is a lot of overlapping of initiations suggest discussing with Solid Waste Committee. DVL JG would you head this. JG the county is looking into water refill stations, it's part of the Suffolk County Plastic Reduction Task Force. CJB K. Doulos is in charge of Parks and is a good resource; transfer stations facing a shortfall of almost \$1million due to having to pay to remove recyclables instead of selling them. JG and

Councilwoman Lofstad are working with the county. JG The county is very attentive when we make suggestions. CJB can you circulate the minutes? JG specifically came to the meetings looking to eliminate plastic bottles. ML any interest in expanding beyond the jurisdiction of the town. CJB leading by example I like that idea, bare in mind water comes from many different vendors the waste stream on the way out is just as different as on the way in. Sourcing isn't as wide spread and cost effective. Solar panels on our buildings – what are we going to tackle it's important to have the research to make the decision. ML within the Green Committee can we codify a check box for other organizations within the town to align with? GB protocol for new projects has been developed by TB but not sure that was specifically listed. TB help if we follow it. DVL Youth movement. ML Youth Bureau suggested climate change agenda. How it's impacting our environment, make it available. D. Reilly can speak to any topic about what they are doing to education consumers. Plastic bags started in 2013, 7-8 years later the state implanted – its infectious. ML J. Keller and I had a long conversation advocating the High School kids here. It was suggested to have a Senior or a junior mentoring with a Senior as part of an institutional memory of two groups transcend. LC- ECI has a new initiative zero waste. We are talking with Hampton Bays Schools as they waste ten pounds of food waste before it's even served. We are picking it up for composting at St. Joseph Villa and Evelyn Wildlife Center. We can't handle that much, it's a small limit. Having the children see the waste being brought to the wildlife or used in a garden can start conversations; workshops on food waste, composting. GB can't the schools buy less. TR LC is leading the zero waste, talking, education, takeout containers all impact the land field. CJB 60% of the waste is sorted on floor by hand – certain products screw machines up. N. Lynott works with schools and may be helpful. CJB Parks has separate pick up we can get help from Municipal Works. LC the concession has no responsibility, when you buy the product it's your problem. TB I want to make people aware that there is movement to create another advisory committee for Climate Change, there is synergy's for Solid Waste but the Sustainability world isn't happy with what we 're doing and not fast enough. CJB Energy is an independent goal, Waste, Environmental responsibilities – Moody's as part of their credit rating looks at the environmental impact of climate change and the town's plans to mitigate that effect. CCA is giving us the ability where electric energy comes from. DVL we have a sub-committee on electric. L. Arthur is leading this initiative.

**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 - *DVL Where does clear cutting fall in town code? Behind Starbucks' it's all cut, is that permitted? CJB – that's the village, not the town.*
- 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

*21<sup>st</sup>, Aug 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>, Oct 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>,  
Dec 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>*

- 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 *TB who follows up with CF to make sure the signage is being addressed? CJB I will, I also have had JG attend these meetings as there is a lot of overlapping between this group and the Solid Waste Committee.*
- 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: 10PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***

***Additional 2020 Meeting Dates: Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, Apr 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup> &***