

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 VIA ZOOM

Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), T. Brolin (TB), M. Lieberman (ML), J. Burmeister (JB), J. Ewing (JE), S. Hunnewell (SH), K. Allen (KA)

Non-members present: Councilman J. Bouvier (CJB), C. Fetten (CF), R. Casabianca (RC), L. Vosilla, (LV)

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM. Meeting minutes from October 6, 2020 were accepted.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: DVL – gas leaf blowers, we will have to stick with the 7am to 7pm hours. I haven't had an opportunity to work on the education part, Jim offered to help, anyone else? Jim, I will send you the information I have which should be enough to get us started.

GB - Helium filled balloons; I heard back from J. Wilson and we are on the Work Session agenda for Nov. 19, 2020 at Town Hall. There are limitations DVL, TB and myself should attend. TB is there an audio visual set up so I can play the presentation from my screen? CJB yes, please let J. Wilson know, bring in a laptop or card.

GB Town Board passed a memorializing resolution to support F. Thiele's legislation to put PSEG/LIPA under the oversight authority of the State Public Service Commission (PSC). DVL this is really good news, the law sits on Gov. Cuomo's desk to get LIPA to finally come to terms. TB – any doubt he will sign it? DVL not to my knowledge. JE- explain oversight. DVL – stronger oversight more similar to the other state utilities. GB – only utility in state that has no oversight. CJB this is relevant to our CCA program. We are working on a draft with the county as to the importance of having the regulatory oversight job of PSC for legislation. The last Peconic Estuary meeting there's an environmentally strong link to draft CCA and Assemblyman Thiele's and Senator Gaughran's legislation. This gives us the ability to FOIL information, meter information and the consumption for the CCA administrator. Finding energy at lower prices and its critical how much hydropower, wind power is needed to reduce kwl is critical to becoming 100% renewable. This will give us transparency and explain the \$.054 per kwl tariff tax. LIPA has CCA program but it's not very successful. There are over 60 counties across NY where their CCA model is successful, it's very technical and it's not just limited to us, Brookhaven and East Hampton are looking at it.

New town codes – ML we have been working on the battery storage code and we will present it at the Work Session Thursday, I asked LA to be a part of it. TB I'm interested to see if they want to change anything it seems as though this is a straight forward opportunity in the context of CCA. There are many tools to help us be a more resilient community and solvent. GB are we mirroring another municipality code? ML no we're targeting the NYSERDA suggested code. Peak energy increased but consumption decreased, battery storage will siphon off the peak. DVL TB presentation, GB follow up on the Climate Action Plan. Who else wants to be on the committee? JB, LA, GB, TB email ML.

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

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

2. WATER

- a. Regional Clean Water Coalition

1. 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 – RC years ago we were able to take items from the dumps if we want to. I saw a wicker sofa at the Transfer Station and I'm unable to take it home. I don't understand why Southampton can't do this. There's a natural impulse to put stuff

out on the streets; seems to me some place covered/manned within Southampton at a Transfer Station so items can be redistributed. CF In the past when this was done there were issues; parking, staff limitations. GB Taxes don't support the Transfer Stations; the green bag fees and other waste fees and selling recyclables does.. RC In Shelter Island & East Hampton people pay to drop their stuff off, town isn't paying a trucking fee, seems economically to makes sense. TB there should be a subcommittee to see if we can support it. JB there's a fabulous recycling center in Wellesley, Mass. DVL JB & RC follow up with a subcommittee see how things are done elsewhere. Talk with CF about the possibilities, get pro's & con's to weed out what is necessary. KA – I got a table from a Transfer Station.

- h. Paper
- i. Building waste
- j. Hazardous Waste
- k. Product Stewardship
- l. Long Term Waste Planning DVL CF I have emails regarding composting and putting it in the waste stream. Where should it go? CF send it to me, I have spoken to DEC about it we are investigating it as a pilot program. Corporations / caters would have to negotiate with a food processor like American Organic Waste.

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 4:50PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 4:00PM VIA ZOOM.***

Additional 2020 Meeting Dates: Nov. 10th & 17th, Dec 1st & 15th