

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday July 7th, 2015 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. von Lehsten (DVL), S. Carlin (SC), A. Reisman (AR), J. Burmeister (JB), N. Palumbo (NP), J. Barrows (JB2)

Non members present: F. Zappone (FZ), J. Belury (JB3), J. Cunningham (JC), J. Becerra (JB4)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Meeting minutes from June 16th, 2015 were approved.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: Invited guest Josh Belury, of the Conscience Point Shellfish Hatchery, presented regarding the work being done to restore shellfish populations in the local bays and ponds. RFP for the microgrid has been sent out; it should be back by July 22nd. As far as NY Prize, we are currently waiting on the State to make their announcement. Finally, the Committee should start thinking about a public event this upcoming fall.

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 - SC: The Committee should consider developing a set of recommendations for the Town Board as a followup to Bill Chaleff's presentation to the Town Board.
- 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 Plan – *BF asked the committee for guidance regarding building footprints and building envelopes. The Committee recommended that a new working group on this topic would need to include a wide range of professions and civic interests, including planning and architecture.*
- 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 Use
- 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– *FZ on NY Prize: the letter went out to the County. The RFP is prepared, and are looking into shortening the process since there is no specific amount of money.*

BF on microgrid: RFP was sent out for an Engineering consultant, should be back by July 22nd. Also, the Committee should recommend people such as builders, architects, planners, etc., for the upcoming meeting regarding building size.

- b. Energy and Carbon Audits
- c. Clean Energy Renewable – SC on Renewable Energy Event: *last fall's event was picked up by SEATV as part of a mission to communicate. It would be useful to have another event this coming fall, around September-October. Committee should start thinking about a theme within the greater +400 context. This time it should be done east of the canal.*
- d. Energy and Carbon Reduction
- e. Education

7. GREEN BUILDING

- a. Sustainable New Construction – BC on green architecture: *for the next 3 Thursdays, he and his son will be making presentations at the South Fork Natural History Museum about green architecture. Each session will last 1 ½ hours and will be with slides.*
- 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 – *DVL and BF on plastic bag ban: have not heard from Town Attorney's office yet regarding the intended change to the plastic bag ban resolution.*
- d. Organic Waste
- e. Waste Education
- f. School Recycling/Trex – in process
- g. Materials Exchange
- h. Paper Waste
- i. Building waste
- j. Hazardous Waste
- k. Product Stewardship
- l. Long Term Waste Planning – FRNCA pilot in process

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 – Shellfish Hatchery, Josh Belury: *given full support by the Board of Trustees to grow oysters. They have worked since the beginning with SHTEAM and Greg Muster over at SBU. Oysters filter around 50 gallons per day, and are a very important aspect of salt water ecosystems. As part of their mission, they want to re-establish estuaries and aquaculture. The hatchery facilities themselves are built with sustainable construction. They also work with the East Hampton and NYC hatcheries. Their oysters have gone to Sag Harbor Cove, Shinnecock Bay, Moriches Bay, etc., and are currently working on the 1st Bio Remediation Reef. As a request to the Committee, weed blockers should be banned as they have been in Europe, and fertilizers should be regulated. The Committee should consider discussing these issues with Suffolk County. Also, the Committee can help with a \$6000 grant to purchase water quality equipment. Currently there is not enough coordination among entities monitoring local water quality. JB3 hopes the Hatchery can help lead such an effort (perhaps with Town assistance). Southampton Town is one of the few on Long Island that permits the disturbance of bay bottoms. Putting sediment into the water column is a detriment for shellfish. Could the Committee work with the Hatchery to recommend changing current Town Trustee policies?*
- d.
- e. Nutrients in Environment
- f. Education
- g. Vacant Land
- h. Forest and Vegetation

***** Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday July 21st, 2015 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***