

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 15th, 2015 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: S. Carlin (SC), B. Chaleff (BC), D. von Lehsten (DVL), J. Scherer (JS), G. Berk (GB)

Non members present: C. Fetten (CF), J. Becerra (JB), F. Zappone (FZ), J. Whitney (JW), G. Raacke (GR), B. Fleming (BF), G. Lynch (GL)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Meeting minutes from September 1st, 2015 were approved.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: CF mentioned Solarize is going well. There weren't many people at the kickoff event but 60 people have signed up. Have been receiving a lot of calls, and there has been interest from churches and schools; also, signs have been put up throughout Town facilities. Coming up are events at the North Sea Community Center and Southampton Fest. As far as NY Prize, the kick off meeting was today. The Town has chosen the consulting firms to go forward with the feasibility study regarding micro grids in times of emergencies. Present was the Supervisor and council members, as well as representatives from the hospital, schools, village, PSEG, and members of our Committee. BF discussed Green Homes and past inability to have the program take off. Regardless of efforts, the program was not a success. Janice Whitney from the EPA made a WaterSense presentation, explaining a voluntary, non regulatory program that the Town could sign up for as far as promoting sustainable water consumption. Finally, Girl Scout Chandler presented an idea for her Silver Medal project which could help promote the recent Single Use Plastic Bag Ban, by making reusable bags out of old tee shirts.

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 – *JW on WaterSense program (EPA): it's a voluntary program that is non regulatory.*
- 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 Plan
- 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 – *CF on NY Prize: the kick off meeting was on 09/15. The Town has chosen the consultants that will be utilized for the feasibility study. The idea is to analyze the possibility of micro grid to be utilized in case emergency situations such as hurricanes. They will look at critical infrastructure. At the meeting, the Supervisor, council members, representatives from the hospital, from the schools, from the village, from PSEG, and from our Committee. The process is divided into 3 stages, the first one being feasibility, the second being one million dollars for the design, and the third being 5 million dollars for construction.*
- b. Energy and Carbon Audits – *BF on Green Homes: this program was never able to take off. Regardless of the efforts made, the program was not a success. It had become costly to the Town without any relevant results. Before trying again or moving forward with it, should keep in mind there are other important efforts going on currently. CF: a big issue with it was that people would sign up for the free audit, but then wouldn't follow through. Many didn't like the idea that they needed to use the same vendor throughout the process. As far as PR was concerned, first a consultant was utilized and then CRC, but it still wasn't picking up.*
- c. Clean Energy Renewable – *CF on Solarize: the kick off was last Wednesday. So far the program is doing well: 60 people have signed up as of now. Green Logic will be contacted to keep updating that list. We have been fielding a lot of calls, and churches and schools have also shown interest. There is a presentation coming up at the North Sea Community Center, and SH Fest is also coming up. Offers to hold other presentations have been made to fire departments, and Hank Beck. Signs have been placed throughout Town facilities, and there has been discussion on the possibility of getting on a radio station and SEATV. The Southampton Press has done an article about the press event, and The Independent has reached out to CF. Jennifer Garvey wanted to reach out to Newsday, but that remains to be determined.*
- 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 – *Chandler on Tee Shirt Bag initiative: she is currently working on her Girl Scout Silver Medal project, where she would turn donated tee shirts into reusable bags and hand them out to people as an incentive to go parallel to the recent SUPB Ban in the Town. Phase 1 would involve holding tee shirt drives throughout the Town, phase 2 would involve sewing the tee shirts into the bags, and phase 3 distribute the bags to residents in front of grocery stores. Inside the bags will be instructions that will mention how the bags can be made.*
- d. Organic Waste
- e. Waste Education –
- f. School Recycling/Trex –
- 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
- d. Nutrients in Environment
- e. Education
- f. Vacant Land
- g. Forest and Vegetation

**** Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM. Please be advised that our next meeting will be Tuesday September 29th, 2015 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.**