

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 6th, 2015 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: S. Carlin (SC), D. von Lehsten (DVL), A. Reisman (AR), J. Burmeister (JB), B. Chaleff (BC), J. Barrows (JB2)

Non members present: C. Fetten (CF), J. Becerra (JB3), G. Raacke (GR)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Meeting minutes from September 15th, 2015 were approved.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: AR mentioned the next hearing for the Water Protection Plan will be Tuesday at 1 o'clock. Many of the issues remain the same and many people are concerned it will take away from Southampton the ability to control its own water front. Need the public to come out and support. GR said that East Hampton is considering a draft Climate Action Plan, and on October 20th it will be brought before the Town board to be approved. JB2 said that WARS (Water Rating System) is being considered, where currently it is utilized in places with extreme drought conditions. It helps look at ways to be more water efficient in the home. SC discussed to what degree reconfiguring zoning out here would help in enhancing the public transit system; the percent in vehicles continues to climb steadily. Also, Janice Scherer as asked to join a session on acqua culture. Placing more shellfish into the bays is very effective in fighting water pollution. Finally, CF gave update regarding Solarize campaign: as of today, 108 people had signed up. Across the Town, 6 homes are in contract, which is very close to Tier 2 pricing.

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 – *SC on fall forum: would like to invite the Shinnecock to the fall forum, which will be organized around the water quality theme. BC mentioned losing Elizabeth Hale on the Shinnecock side was huge, and they are just beginning to realize what a huge loss that is. A letter could be sent to them so that they may appoint somebody to take Elizabeth's place.*
- 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 Plan – *BC on settlement pattern: land use has a huge impact on transportation, water, affordable housing, economics, quality of life, energy, etc. The 1957 pattern and zoning need to be revised if we do not want to be prisoners to it any longer. SC and "The Walkable City": the concept of getting out of cars and being able to walk more as a part of daily living. It encapsulates everything that BC mentioned above, much of it being boiled down to whether what we are doing right now if a "walkable lifestyle". Walkability is an essential component. Changes can happen progressively, but the this area*

is overreliant on the second home industry. Urbanity is a way of giving us other options.

- c. Open Space Preservation
- d. New Open space
- e. Biomass Preservation
- f. Environmental Restoration
- g. Neighborhood Pattern and Design – *GR on village/town layout: the East End is a region, yet we pretend that we are independent towns and villages. It would be a great step if we got all of these entities to work together toward this “liveability theory”. We need to think regionally, either as East End or South Fork.*

- h. Heat Island Effect

5. TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY

- a. Idling Reduction
- b. Bicycle Use
- c. Complete Streets
- d. Demand – Reduce VMT
- e. Public Transportation – *JB2 on public transportation: watched a presentation by Steve Bellone on Nichols Road and everything that could focus along that corridor as far as bus transportation. This leaves out the whole East End, perhaps because buses are not used as much.*
- 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 Audits
- 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 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 October 20th, 2015 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***