

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 10th, 2015 Southampton Town Hall

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

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

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Meeting minutes from October 20th, 2015 were approved.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: DVL stressed the need for new members, and the possibility of having someone represent the Shinnecock Nation. SC discussed the end of his term as co-chair as well as DVL's. Bylaws may be changed at the Committee's will, and as voted, an extension to three 2 year terms has been approved with all in favor. DVL will once again run for co-chair, but now need somebody else to demonstrate interest as SC's spot will be vacant. As far as the Fall Public Forum goes, DVL suggested discussing energy as an important current topic, with the potential to get excellent speakers with an interesting presentation. Regardless, everyone should suggest one topic for spring and one for autumn, as well as possible speakers for those topics. NP mentioned that these forums should be to inform the public about important and current topics.

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 – *GB on septic: recently she was at the Suffolk County Legislature presiding office. She mentioned the current septic issues which we face and spoke after the event. The Committee now needs to figure out how to approach the number 2 person in the Health Department to progress in a quicker manner as far as this issue concerns.*
- 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 – *NP on NY Prize: circulated the preliminary draft from the consultants to all the partner entities, and are currently asking for feedback. The feasibility study is due in February. CF on Community Solar: the application is not yet in. It is due on November 16th. SC on PACE and geothermal: it is currently progressing through the Suffolk County legislature. Also, as far as geothermal goes, Suffolk County was going to make the revisions based on the Committee’s speakers. JS was in the loop on monitoring that.*

- b. Energy and Carbon Audits
- c. Clean Energy Renewable
- d. Energy and Carbon Reduction – *NP on charging stations: the new administration should be approached with this potential project. There are currently 12 of them at the college and looks like demand is outpacing availability.*
- 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 November 24th, 2015 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***