

## Town of Southampton

### Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Southampton Town Hall

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

**Non members present:** C. Fetten (CF), F. Zappone (FZ), C. Scalera (CS), J. Cunningham (JC), T. Neely (TN), S. Smith (SS), Mac Russel (MC) from Loop, J. Becerra (JB2)

**Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Meeting minutes from November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 were approved.**

#### Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: Guest Marc Russel of Loop spoke about products offered. The company provides electric vehicles that transport people to and from different locations within a community. The ultimate goal is to develop free transportation in communities while reducing traffic, lowering emissions, allowing for additional parking and creating green jobs. This would be done while maintaining the Town's charm, increasing revenue for local businesses through advertising, and promoting green solutions. GB was approved as co-chair with all in favor. Shavonne Smith from the Shinnecock Nation was present; she mentioned the Nation's Trustees need to approve her as a representative of the nation, which should occur before December 1<sup>st</sup>. AR reminded that the Water Protection Plan is coming up tonight; they will adopt part of the plan into the comprehensive one. It's a good document to have, especially with new council members coming in. As far as NY Prize, met with consultants and NYSERDA last week; NYSERDA requested a few modifications to draft submittal.

#### 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
- f. Landscape Management
- g. Drinking Water Quality
- h. Groundwater Protection – *AR on Water Protection Plan: the plan is coming up tonight, where part of the plan will be adopted into the comprehensive one. The agenda hasn't changed, but there has been a change in the Town Board, now 3 votes to 1 would be required. Currently there is a divided vote, and 2-2 would defeat the measure. A lot of work has been done and it's a good base document which lines up with a*

*water perspective. And with 3 new council members, it's a good idea to have a good document.*

- 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 – *Mac Russel on Loop: the idea is to work along with the Town to identify viable charging stations, recommend potential stops and help spread the word. For the coming summer, general operations would include 6 Loop electric cars that would be distributed throughout Town, also creating intra city coverage areas. This would include certain intervals at lifestyle locals, such as beaches, downtown businesses, train stations etc. Service could be pick up-drop off at pre-set stops, or people could wave from street. The money that Loop makes comes from advertising. The idea would be to start during the summer, but could provide service throughout the year.*
- 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 Solarize Southampton: there have been 186 leads, with 26 in contract. Green Logic will honor the prices as long as they follow through within a certain time period. As of today, the Town’s program is finished; she will put together a report for NYSERDA. Last week was the due date for the 2016 Solarize campaign. Everything was handed in on time, and even got a letter of support from GR and Suffolk County Community College. Liz Trembley sent an email to discuss further the time line; they want an example RFP in addition to applications. This round will be different in that they will target affordable areas. Timeline will begin in March, and the kick off event will coincide with Earth Day. SC on Community Solar: if we as a committee want to recommend community solar, we would need to identify land for people to invest in that don’t necessarily have the land. We would need someone with experience, perhaps from PSEG, that would explain the logistics. However, the land issue is crucial because it is not easy to find these parcels. Also, Mike Benincasa mentioned it needs to be included in the Code.*
- b. Energy and Carbon Audits
- c. Clean Energy Renewable – *GB on Solar Energy Code: nothing has happened recently to her knowledge. It would be wise to seek new leadership,*

*so this is unlikely to move forward for the remainder of the year. Since Janice was working with Bridget on this, need to think about who will address from now on.*

- 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 – 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
- 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 December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***