

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 5th, 2016 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. Von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), S. Carlin (SC), J. Burmeister (JB), G. Berk (GB), N. Palumbo (NP), B. Chaleff (BC), J. Botos (JB2), G. Raacke (GR), J. Scherer (JS), L. Arthur (LA).

Non members present: C. Fetten (CF), F. Zappone (FZ), J. Becerra (JB3), J. Bouvier (JB4), S. Smith (SS)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Meeting minutes from December 8th, 2015 were approved.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: NP discussed a new campaign to encourage quieter communities. A campaign was developed in the summer of 2015 in the East End, and was promoted by wealthy home owners. Currently there are regulations in Southampton Village and East Hampton Town, but it's not enforced very well. This new campaign is working to educate users of equipment, and they've partnered with communities in California to demonstrate new technologies. GR mentioned that the South Fork RFP called for a significant amount of load reduction, and there is a choice between building new transmission lines or up to 6 peaker plants. They have received a few proposals, among them an offshore wind farm, 30 miles east of Montauk. JB2 said that East Hampton is supporting deep water wind projects, reducing green house emissions, and also trying to develop microgrids. JS discussed completion of task 1 for NY Prize; NYSERDA met with them, edited the report and submitted it.

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 – *NP on Quiet Communities: passed along to DVL information on quiet communities, a campaign to encourage transition to battery powered tools. They had an advertising campaign on the East End which was supported by wealthy home owners; the campaign was developed in the summer of 2015. There are regulations in SH Village and EH Town, but are not terribly enforced. The standard times are between 7AM and 7PM and are measured in decibels. They are working with municipalities to educate users on new types of battery powered equipment. The idea is to establish a center at Suffolk County Community College to demonstrate new technology that is currently available. Storage capacity of batteries allows for growth, but there needs to be a certain level of education and communication involved.*

2. WATER

- a. Regional Clean Water Coalition
- b. Surface Water Quality

- c. Education – *DVL on EPA Water Sense: an educative program for home owners which is voluntary to create conscious use of water around the home.*
- 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
- 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 – *GR on South Fork RFP: the RFP called for a significant amount of load reduction. The choice is between building a new transmission lines or up to 6 peaker plants in the South Fork. They have received a number of proposals, among them an offshore wind farm, 30 miles east of Montauk; the cable will go underground, with a 90 megawatt capacity. Got a briefing from them, this time it will be combined with battery storage. JB2: EH Town is supporting deep water project, reducing green house emissions, and also developing microgrids.*

JS: task 1 of NY Prize has been completed.

NYSERDA met with them, edited the report and submitted it. She would like to see a couple of other technical specifics for the microgrid. Currently the biggest problem for stage 2 is that the hospital may move.

- b. Energy and Carbon Audits
- c. Clean Energy Renewable – *Geothermal Energy Code: currently there is no real interest; it was tabled to the county, but it's something to return to. NP says that as a committee we want to encourage this code change; LA reminded we need to change the solar code.*
- d. Energy and Carbon Reduction – *LA on energy consumption: she has PSEG papers to distribute regarding summer peak consumption and the cost of energy during the summer time. Also, she collaborated on an outline about presentations, moving forward will have schedules and drafts for next meetings.*
- e. Education

7. GREEN BUILDING

- a. Sustainable New Construction – *JB2 on housing projects: there are two housing projects coming up, one through the EH Housing Authority, might be*

looking at the Montauk one being connected into the grid.

- 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 January 19th, 2016 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***