

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 19th, 2016 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: G. Berk (GB), J. Burmeister (JB), G. Raacke (GR), J. Botos (JB2), B. Chaleff (BC), L. Arthur (LA), A. Reisman (AR)

Non members present: J. Bouvier (JB3), F. Zappone (FZ), C. Fetten (CF), J. Becerra (JB4), Jennifer Dupree (JD), Gwynn Schroeder (GS), Tom B. (TB), Luida James (LJ), Annette Kaitan (AK), Maryann Johnson (MJ)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Meeting minutes from January 5th, 2016 were approved.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: GR attended Integrated Resource Plan on how to meet energy needs on LI for the next 20 years (LIPA and PSEG were present, but no press). He inquired whether the State's goal of reducing carbon emissions was incorporated into the plan; the response was that it did not play a role in the IRP (it is primarily about cost). REV hearing will be on January 26th at 12:30. PSEG official said that they run several models, and that we may choose from several ones, but they are fuel cast models only. GB made a motion to create a letter to the Town Board requesting for the Committee to be present at REV meetings, approved all in favor. LA and GR discussed REV (Reforming the Energy Vision) and some of the strategy's components: to give customers more control over their energy use, avoid billions of dollars of investment on aging infrastructure, and decentralize the system.

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
- 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 – *LA on Reforming the Energy Vision: REV is looking to give customers more control over their energy use. Also, it seeks to*

avoid the investment of billions of dollars on aging infrastructure, as well as decentralizing the system. The rates that customers pay in the East End are higher than in any other part of the State. There are two numbers to look at; the smaller number is the average cost per megawatt, while the larger number is the cost per megawatt during peak times (according to ISO). What PSEG has done historically is to have enough capacity for a few days a year during the summer (peak). A few local issues are: growth, new housing, aging substation technology, etc. Why hasn't the utility pushed for redistribution of power? We want to participate in what will be deployed and where it will go. The next REV program, Community Net Metering, will allow people who can't get home solar to still participate. This is why we need to push for Home Rule and use normal processes to move forward.

- b. Energy and Carbon Audits
- c. Clean Energy Renewable
- d. Energy and Carbon Reduction – GR on Integrated Resource Plan: the IRP is a plan for the next 20 years on how to meet energy needs for Long Island. GR attended a meeting and asked whether NY State's goals of reducing carbon emissions are incorporated into the plan, but was told that it didn't play a role in it; the plan is primarily about cost. Also, PSEG official mentioned that they can run several models, and that we may choose any one we are interested in. However, they are all fuel cast models. No press was present at the meeting. JB2 requested we compel the Town Board to make a statement; GB made a motion to create a letter addressed to the Town Board requesting permission to be present at REV meetings. Also, must keep in mind that REV is a complete revamping of how things have been done until now. The gigantic tension is that REV takes power away from the utilities who have had a monopoly for the last 100 years. Because they will cling to that power no matter what, we need to give them a place in the new model, a platform where exchange of information will take place. But as a minimum requirement, there needs to be price transparency. And peak demand reduction should be valued (as far as solar customers feeding energy into the system). Regardless, the tension between utilities and REV will be very high.
- 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 – CF on Town Transfer Stations and Waste Management Procedures: currently, we operate under requirements of municipal law which go out to bid and operate under IMA, which expired through Brookhaven at 20 dollars per ton. The current IMA was done before Brookhaven went to business with Single Stream recycling: currently it sorts everything even finer than before. Going to single stream recycling increases the recycling rate and residue rate. The Town Board is still considering it and asked for an extension of IMA. After a recent work session, it was delayed until April.
- 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 February 2nd, 2016 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.**

