

## Town of Southampton

### Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 05<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Southampton Town Hall

**Members present: G. Berk (GB), J. Burmeister (JB), G. Raacke (GR), B. Chaleff (BC), N. Palumbo (NP), J. Keller (JK), J. Scherer (JS)**

**Non members present: J. Bouvier (JB2), F. Zappone (FZ), C. Fetten (CF), J. Becerra (JB3)**

**Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Meeting minutes from March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were approved.**

#### Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: FZ discussed South Fork RFP, mentioning the second version is about to begin. Also, reengaged conversation with NYSERDA on the Green Homes Program, discussing the possibility of home energy audits and informing people of solar possibilities; would like to include a leasing option. Giving the option to install smart thermostats would also be a good idea, something that PSEG is interested in to potentially reduce peak demand. NP talked about the ongoing dialogue with Quiet Communities. There's a meeting on Thursday at 11 with the Town Board to discuss the possibility of adopting a resolution for East Quogue green zone. CF mentioned an overview and discussion to make Quogue Village Green a pilot program for small equipment. Quiet Communities developed a proposal and presented it to the Town to try and establish this green zone, as a way for other municipalities and landscapers to look at the technology; Suffolk County Community College has also been talking to them to serve as an educational platform, targeting for a workshop on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. BC spoke about the Shinnecocks working with a federal organization in order to have access to federal grants to pay for the entire system; they are looking into a Vacuum Collection System. Also, he learned about the state adopting a new construction code, IEC 2015, which contains big upgrade for building standards. Finally, JS said the Water Protection Plan will be brought back to the Town Board on April 12<sup>th</sup>, with some minor modifications.

#### 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: there is an ongoing dialogue with Quiet Communities. There is a meeting on Thursday at 11AM with the Town Board to discuss a possible resolution to establish a green zone in East Quogue. They have developed a proposal that was given to the Town to establish this green zone in order to allow other municipalities and landscapers to look at new technology. SCCC has also been talking with them to serve as an educational platform, targeting a workshop for June 23<sup>rd</sup> in order to get feedback from landscapers and municipalities in regards to establishing a Quiet Technology Center. He will look into Cleaner Greener Communities grant which would be ideal for funding. He

*would like to ask the committee to consider sponsoring the event.*

*CF: was interested in having a table present with other talking points since Quiet Communities could benefit in other ways, not just noise related. It's beneficial to sway people who may not be so excited about the quiet part, but could be concerned about other health issues.*

#### 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 – GB on State of the Bays: Chris from SH College seemed very excited Bellone finally admitted to a water problem in the region. There was also a lot of talk about new septic, confident

*that by the end of the year the County would adopt something.*

- 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– *FZ on South Fork RFP: the second version is about to go out. Reengaged conversation with NYSERDA on the Green Homes Program, and home energy audits to inform people about solar possibilities (would like to have the leasing option). Also, it is important to introduce people to smart thermostat technology. PSEG is interested in promoting the idea, seeing it as a short term solution to lowering peak demand; high level management types at PSEG are interested. Having a rebate could be a good incentive.*
- b. Energy and Carbon Audits
- c. Clean Energy Renewable – *JS on NY Prize and Microgrid: they are at an intermediary point where they came up with a plan, and need to give NYSERDA a third party cost-benefit analysis. There will be another meeting with the school, hospital, etc.*

*The hospital would be an anchor, but they need to sing on. Consultants were told to include down town businesses.*

- d. Energy and Carbon Reduction
- e. Education

### **7. GREEN BUILDING**

- a. Sustainable New Construction – *BC on new energy code: IEC 2015 will go into effect September 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a big upgrade for building standards. It puts the lower tier in a position of non compliance, adopted as a parallel track to that people can get used to it. Also, it will raise the bar raised higher for new state code on all 3 tiers.*
- 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 – *BC on Shinnecock collection system: Shinnecoaks are working with a federal organization and in the process of getting a federal grant that will pay for the entire system (currently looking into a Vacuum Collection System). It would be in the Town's interest to see if they can put in a bigger system that could be utilized by adjacent residents. Because of the significance of this project within the region, he would like to see the biggest and best system deployed.*

### **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 April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***