

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 19th, 2016 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. Von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), J. Burmeister (JB), G. Raacke (GR), S. Carlin (SC), L. Arthur (LA), A. Reisman (AR), S. Smith (SS)

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 April 5th, 2016 were approved.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: CF mentioned that 3 proposals for Solarize were returned and are scheduled to launch on Thursday (Green Logic, Sun Nation, and Harvest Power). They were sent to Community Solar for review, and there will be a conference call on Friday in order to listen to their recommendations of who to go with. GR discussed meeting with PSEG advisory group. The remainder of the South Fork RFP was issued, the proposals are due June 1st, and they hope to get valid proposals (requirements were strengthened). Also, there are two more feed in tariffs procurement processes, one for solar commercial rooftop or parking lot structures, which would fill a gap to cover 200 kilowatts and just less than 1000. PSEG has submitted comments to DPS, with LIPA's consent, in order to change how solar electric systems are connected to the grid and how they charge net metering. JB2 mentioned progress being made at the agriculture nursery over at Tiana Beach. They are working along with Cornell Marine Center. Currently working on an idea to incentivize the return of oysters into out bays, as a way to monitor how many are being put back into the water. NP said that they are moving along with East Quogue Quiet Communities Zone proposal. Town parks employees were impressed with the equipment shown to them. There will be a workshop on June 23rd where landscapers will be invited to look at the equipment available. SS mentioned they did a survey at the Reservation and found that the majority of the people are interested in a closed system. The next step is for Indian Health Services to design a plan and look at the different systems, as well as looking for funding.

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

1. 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 and GR on South Fork RFP: was told today that review of recommendations as far as the selection of the proposals will likely happen at LIPA's board meeting in July. That will be anything that requires a power purchase agreement, solar, offshore wind, and battery storage. Feeling that the latter decision will be taken up at the May 18th board meeting. Very interesting that Richard Kauffman and PSEG mentioned NYS 50% cannot be met without offshore wind. It does not mean they will choose that proposal, but it is encouraging. GR had a meeting with EH Supervisor and D. Daly regarding the South Fork RFP process asking for feedback. LA suggested that the Committee should discuss getting presence from Southampton at this advisory committee.*

LA on demand management program: Dave Daley seems very excited about what he heard about the demand management program. There will be a meeting tomorrow at 3PM. Spoke with GR and Linda to have a South Fork presentation. He gets it: no big transmission lines and no fossil fuels. But he has a problem: 3 "sections" need 18 megawatts by the end of the summer 2019. By the time it's built the time will run out. Also, he has the tariff which LIPA approved, where they will pay \$85 to anyone who will install thermostats in exchange for allowing PSEG to reach into the thermostat to change the temperature between 3PM and 7PM during the summer.

- b. Energy and Carbon Audits
- c. Clean Energy Renewable
- d. Energy and Carbon Reduction
- e. Education

7. GREEN BUILDING

- a. Sustainable New Construction *FZ on Green Homes: reached out to Neal to reengage in the program. They met last Thursday and he agreed. Also to fully fund the value of the 3 year contract, less the Town's share. Neal left FZ the contract, and at the next Town Board meeting will have a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the grant. This is about getting good*

information out to people. Unlike Solarize, Green Homes gives more budget to promote engaging and educating the public.

- b. Green Building Education
- c. Water Efficiency in Buildings
- d. Heat Island Effect - Roofs

8. WASTE

- a. Municipal Facility Recycling – *GB and CF on composting: CF defined composting as organic material and mulch as wood chips. DEC regulates composting facilities. Between 3 and 10 thousand cubic yards of material it becomes regulated. There are regular visits and annual reports sent to the DEC. The problem is that when storm water comes into contact with compost, it turns acidic. This is in reference to recent closing of sand mines. A lot of people have been inquiring into where to take their waste.*
- b. Comprehensive E Waste Recycling
- c. Plastic Recycling
- d. Organic Waste
- e. Waste – *SS on Shinnecock Reservation system: they did a survey recently in the reservation to see what people thought and to see potential interest. The majority was interested in a closed system. Indian Health Services will design a plan and look at the different systems that are available. The next step is to look for funding.*
- 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 – *JB2 on Tiana Beach nursery: working with Cornell Marine Center, it's a great program with sustainable agricultural and marine activities. He would like to start a program where people take their oysters to the bay and give them stickers in*

return, as a way to monitor how many oysters are returned to the bay.

- 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 May 3rd, 2016 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.***