

Town of Southampton

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 3rd, 2016 Southampton Town Hall

Members present: D. Von Lehsten (DVL), G. Berk (GB), J. Burmeister (JB), G. Raacke (GR), B. Chaleff (BC), L. Arthur (LA), A. Reisman (AR), J. Barrows (JB2), J. Scherer (JS), J. Keller (JK)

Non members present: J. Bouvier (JB3), F. Zappone (FZ), C. Fetten (CF), J. Becerra (JB4), M. Benincasa (MB)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Meeting minutes from April 19th, 2016 were approved.

Progression and Discussion of 400+ Components

General Discussion Overview, as expanded below: MB suggested there needs to be an incentive for more PV solar panel installations, especially on larger properties. Many have cedar roofing which doesn't lend to PV panel installation. Overlay districts are very strict, but giving them some relief could allow them to give something in return. Most homes could meet the energy code with PV. FZ suggested introducing the idea to see if the TB is interested in pursuing, then Land Management could draft a document for TB to look at. GR mentioned solar may or may not lower peak demand, but anything that can be done to help should be given a chance. JK mentioned concerned with ground mounted PV panel would affect ground water, but CF clarified that it would not: development could encourage, but panels themselves don't affect ground water.

1. EDUCATION

- a. Town Employees
- b. Homeowners and Other Residents
- c. Business Owners – *JB on noise reduction: local landscapers who have bought electric landscaping equipment will demonstrate it on May 15th at the annual fair of the Horticultural Alliance.*
- 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 – *DVL on PSEG poles: PSEG wants to install new replacement polls with FEMA money. They are treated with Penta which is very poisonous. There is a lot of opposition against this. FZ mentioned that very few utility poles fall during storms, but PSEG says that they are not strong enough.*

- 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: May 18th there will be another LIPA Board of Trustees meeting, which will be the last one before announcing the decision on July 20th. There will be another Twitter storm next week Thursday from 11AM. He wanted to thank LA and DVL for attending the EH Green Committee meetings. EH has completed phase 1 of the micro grid, and both towns should work together on this without the need to reinvent the wheel. At some point there may be the possibility of connecting the two micro grids.

JS: the report has been finished, and tried to have a small meeting with people on the steering committee. First meeting was too complicated with too much information; instead it would have been more appropriate to have them attend the Green Committee meeting. At a second meeting along with CF, Kyle Collins, and SH Village they discussed technicalities. JS had requested to include the entire business district.

FZ: JB3 is sponsoring a resolution that support the grant matching funds, and the Town Board needs to commit to the dollar value. They would lend the money until NYSERDA reimburses it. The grant amount is \$170,000. The resolution will authorize the Town to spend up to that amount. This is above and beyond what was expected, the Town Board has been very supportive.

- b. Energy and Carbon Audits
- c. Clean Energy Renewable – CF on Solarize: Received 3 RFP’s on the 14th for Solarize 2016. This time we are focusing on affordable housing program, residential purchase options, and leasing. We had our own bid analysis before sitting down with Community solar to hear their thoughts, and had to go back to each one of the vendors to ask for some clarification. It seems like last year’s vendor was the most cost competitive, so they will likely be recommended to the Town Board.
- d. Energy and Carbon Reduction – LA on home energy efficiency: energy efficiency in the building envelope is the most cost effective to achieve lower energy consumption. Audrey said that DPS will go out and

do listening tours, and this would our opportunity to give them our message. They also want to come back to discuss the clean energy standard. Also, we should coordinate with EH to go to Riverhead on May 17th, the day before the LIPA board meeting. It is very important that we communicate what we want to see in the South Fork.

- 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
- 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 May 17th, 2016 at 4:00PM in the lower level conference room of Southampton Town Hall.**

