

Southampton Town Board

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TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION 2024-400

Resolution Creating Battery Energy Storage Steering Committee

WHEREAS, in furtherance of Local Law No. 1 of 2024 related to the extension of Chapter 314 (moratorium), the Town Board of the Town of Southampton recognizes that an internal Battery Energy Storage Steering Committee is necessary, as well as the ability to liaise with other East End municipalities; and

WHEREAS, while the Town Board strives to amend the special exception standards for battery storage, it is acutely aware of the need to allow for renewable energy and balance such goals with its paramount concern for public safety and maintaining the residential character of our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, for the abovementioned reasons, the Town Board finds that for the remaining duration of the moratorium period and any extensions thereto, a Battery Energy Storage steering committee should be established for the purpose of listening to, examining and evaluating on-going public concerns, state working-group considerations, inter-municipal commonalities, and potential mitigation/solutions relative to the planning study and amendments to the Town Code; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that an internal Battery Energy Storage Study Steering Committee is hereby established and shall meet on a monthly basis to fulfill the purposes above listed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such Steering Committee shall consist of the following nine (9) members:

- 1) Maria Moore, Supervisor (or Designee), Chair
- 2) Cynthia McNamara, Town Council Member (or Designee), Vice-Chair
- 3) Ann Welker, Suffolk County Legislator, 2nd District (or Designee)
- 4) James Kiernan, Town of Southampton Chief of Police (or Designee)
- 5) Janice Scherer, Town Planning & Development Administrator
- 6) Ryan Murphy, Emergency Management Administrator
- 7) John Rankin, Chief Fire Marshal
- 8) Seth Race, Planner
- 9) A Planning Board member, TBD by the Town Board

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor as Chair shall continue conversations and meetings to relay and receive information relative thereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Steering Committee shall hold its first meeting in the month of April and will work with the consultant to liaise with PSEG, LIPA, NYSERDA, Suffolk County FRES, local Fire Chiefs, the Suffolk County Planning Commission, community members/civics, CAC's and any other relevant stakeholder to ensure that the work plan is completed and local law amendments are drafted in a timely manner for Town Board consideration.

Financial Impact

None

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Maria Z. Moore, Supervisor |
| SECONDER: | Bill Pell, Councilman |
| AYES: | Moore, McNamara, Iasilli, Pell, Schiavoni |