



Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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Sustainability Oversight Committee

July 18, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: The meeting was held in the Stage Conference Room at the Brighton Town Hall and began at 7:05 PM.

Paul Tankel, Chairperson	present
Stephen Kittelberger	present
Erinn Ryen	present
Paul Gardner	absent
Ronald Wexler, Vice Chair	present
Shubhangi Gandhi	present
Peter DeBaal	absent
Michael Guyon, PE	present
Eric Mineker	present
Bill Moehle	present

Minutes: The draft June 6th meeting minutes were approved without modifications.

Open Forum:

Bill reviewed the CIP comment letter provided by the SOC and thanked them for their insight. Budgetary constraints make accomplishing everything a challenge but, the Town will not overlook the green/sustainable alternatives. Bill indicated that the purchase of the Farash property will create a gateway between central Brighton and Buckland Park. The Town supports the SOC's initiatives to explore sustainable practices that would provide future cost savings that can be demonstrated through the committee's research. The town board will be reviewing the CIP at the next Town Board meeting.

Peter D. has accepted a position with the Architectural Review Board and will need to step down from the SOC.

Announcements:

Old Business

A. Recycling

The town facilities could be doing more to promote recycling. The Parks and Recreation Committee has indicated that the Waste Management expressed its concern of cross-contamination and would likely not provide a pick-up service. Someone from waste management should be contacted to keep exploring this option.



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B. Wind Ordinance

The wind ordinance is tabled for now. The proposed code specifies a 125' height which creates concerns regarding safety and visual impact. The technology continues to improve and more viable alternates will likely be available in the future. The wind energy ordinance will be reviewed as the technology advances and becomes more practical for dense urban settings.

C. Capital Improvement Plan

The SOC should conduct additional analysis regarding several key components of the CIP. These components include the fueling station, incentive zoning, paving, and lighting.

D. Brighton High School Parking Lot

The parking lot improvement has been deferred. George Smith is working with the School Board to evaluate a sustainable approach. Locating a grant to fund a green improvement would be beneficial to constructing a cost effective and sustainable parking lot. The School's consultant reviewed three options and all were over the budget. A cistern system is currently being evaluated.

E. Town Website

The new website has not gone live yet, should be operational in the near future.

F. SOC Intern

Paul T. made contact with Karen Berger of the U of R. She was hesitant on offering a full year SOC internship because the length might deter a student's interest. However, a full year internship would provide a large benefit to the student and the SOC. The curriculum would be decided by a combination of the student's interests and a list of priority projects provided by the SOC. It would be beneficial to provide the student with a desk or workspace at Town Hall to conduct research.

The SOC should outline both quantitative and qualitative tasks for the intern and develop deadlines through the year. Karen Berger could serve as the faculty advisor. Paul T. will talk to Brockport and Mike G. will speak with Gary to identify the most legitimate way to proceed. Karen will need to know the SOC and student objectives to offer the internship by early September.

G. Monroe Ave. Green street Improvement

Mike G. will send out the engineering report once it's finished.



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H. Development Updates

Mike G. reviewed the attached summary table

New Business

A. SOC Intern

The study objectives should be finalized and the process to legitimize an intern position should be reviewed.

B. Parking Lot

The parking lot should be reviewed insure the SOC's priorities parallel the Town Boards sustainable objectives.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on September 5th, 2012 in the Stage Conference Room at 7:00 PM to 8:30 pm at Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Eric Mineker