



# Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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## ***Sustainability Oversight Committee March 5, 2014***

### ***Minutes***

**Attendance:** Paul Tankel, Ron Wexler, Shubhangi Gandhi, Eric Williams, Mike Guyon, Evert Garcia

**Minutes:** The February 5, 2014 meeting minutes have not been approved. The SOC felt that all members should be in attendance in order to approve the February 5, 2014 draft minutes. These minutes will be presented at the April SOC meeting.

**Open Forum:** There were no public comments at the March SOC meeting

**Announcements:** There were no announcements at the March SOC meeting

### **Old Business**

- 2013 Draft Annual Report:
  - The SOC discussed the 2013 Draft Annual Report. The SOC suggested including the 2013 goals and document the progress made toward achieving those goals.
  - The items in the annual report should be listed in chronological order.
  - MG will revise the report and forward a copy to the members for review. The SOC will review and approve the 2013 Annual Report at the April meeting.
- The SOC wants to re-visit the alternative lighting study performed by Tom Low in 2011. Advancements in LED technology could yield a different conclusion than those discussed in the 2011 report.
- 2014 Sustainability Committee Goals Review
  - The SOC will submit their 2014 goals to Christopher Werner, who is serving as liaison between the Town Board and the SOC and request that these goals be distributed to the Town Board members. The SOC would like the Town Board to review these goals and provide direction on which goals to pursue in 2014.
  - The SOC would like to make a 2014 goal the adoption of a wind and solar energy ordinance.
  - Recycling will continue to be a goal for 2014.
  - MG will modify the 2014 goals accordingly and distribute to the SOC for review and comments. The updated goals should include information regarding their economic development impact.
- The local farmer's market was discussed. The SOC would like to integrate the Brighton farmer's market with a sustainability concept. The idea should explore the Town's support for local food supply and the investigation of a winter market.



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- The SOC would like to develop a method to review the carbon benefit of proposed projects and/or Town investments. This would first involve encouraging the Town to consider carbon benefit as criteria for selecting an improvement.
- Mike will send Ramsey's email to Paul so that Paul can get Ramsey in touch with a Central New York planning committee contact.
- The implementation of active transportation improvements was discussed. The SOC would like to encourage these measures. Mike suggested that the SOC review and comment on the proposed bicycle boulevard project.

### **New Business**

- The U of R South Campus Project S-DGEIS was discussed at length.
  - A brief history on the project was presented by Paul and Mike.
  - The Final DGEIS was not accepted by the Town in 2005. The latest submission is a supplement to the original document.
  - Noteworthy changes in scope include the following:
    - The new I-390 features are currently being constructed. These improvements will address many of the concerns regarding traffic generated by the project. .
    - The proposed buildings have been removed from the old growth forest areas. The old growth forest will be preserved
    - Initially, the U of R was requesting a Woodlot EPOD permit for the overall project as part of the IPD rezoning. The EPOD permit requires an extensive tree survey. The U of R has withdrawn their request for a woodlot EPOD permit and has indicated that they will pursue a permit on an individual project basis.
    - The U of R is evaluating a PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) agreement with the Town of Brighton.
  - Initial reaction by SOC members present at the meeting is that the current design concept lacks the appropriate planning.
  - The SOC is concerned with the large amounts of green space being removed as part of the proposal.
  - The SOC is concerned about the impact the project may have on the Bicycle trail on the western end of the project.
  - The SOC will develop comments on the U of R South Campus S-DGEIS. Mike G. will compile the comments into one document. The SOC will have comments ready by April's meeting.

### **Adjournment**

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be April 2, 2014.