



Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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Sustainability Oversight Committee July 2, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Paul Tankel, Ron Wexler, Stephen Kittelberger, Rochelle Bell, Erin Ryan, Christopher Werner, Evert Garcia, Margaret Peet, (Color Brighton Green)

Minutes:

The June 11, 2014 meeting minutes were approved.

Open Forum:

- Paul shared with the SOC that he was recently made aware of a composting service offered to homeowners where waste is collected from homes in exchange for compost.

Announcements:

- Paul announced to the SOC that he is stepping down as the Chairman of the SOC in order to focus on other projects. More details regarding this announcement will be provided at a later date.

Old Business

- Climate Smart Community Forum
 - The SOC discussed the best approach of how to prioritize the items included in the pledge initiative. Rochelle suggested using the bulleted items in the pledge initiative as order of priorities.
 - A discussion ensued on the current state of the Town greenhouse gas inventory. Margaret suggested that some of the inventory was performed as part of the sustainability comprehensive plan for the Town of Brighton.
 - The SOC determined that Item Number 2 of the Climate Smart Community Pledge, **Set goals, inventory emissions, plan for climate action**, must be performed before any other pledge item can be addressed.
 - Erinn suggested that she could help with the inventory portion of Item Number 2 in September, when she is officially done with her PHD related work.
 - A brief discussion of each Climate Smart Community pledge item ensued.



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- The SOC expressed that the Climate Smart Community pledge is too large to take on alone and inquired about the possibility of setting up a sub-committee, or a task force to assist in the process.
- The SOC expressed that they would have a better idea on how to approach the Climate Smart Community Pledge after meeting with NYSERDA. Mike Guyon has made contact with NYSERDA and is in the process of setting up the meeting.
- Monroe Ave. Road Diet
 - The SOC discussed the Draft Letter from Mike Guyon to the NYS DOT regarding the consideration of a Road Diet on Monroe Avenue from Elmwood Avenue to Highland Avenue as part of any future project in this area.
 - The SOC suggested adding a specific recommendation in the letter to the NYS DOT.
 - Without a specific project request, the SOC is not sure that the letter is worth sending out at the moment. The SOC would like to encompass suggestions from the Design Charrette in a project proposed for this area.
 - The SOC would like to meet with NYS DOT representatives when a project for this area is on the radar. Additionally, the SOC would like to know how to make a project in this area a priority for the NYS DOT.
 - The SOC wants to initiate a conversation with the Public in order to generate public interest for a project in this area.
- CIP
 - The SOC is still looking to develop a review template for the CIP. The template will not be ready for this year's CIP review.
 - Some general comments from last year's CIP review letter still apply to this year's proposed CIP budget and could be re-used.
 - A conversation ensued on what review approach to use for subsequent CIP budget reviews.
 - Paul and Ron suggested consulting with NYSERDA on the best approach for the annual CIP review process because of the CIP's tie-in with items on the Climate Smart Community Pledge.



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- Carbon Benefit
 - Evert will re-send Ron's PowerPoint presentation on Carbon Benefit to the SOC.
 - Steve would like to have a discussion at the next meeting about what number should be used for the cost of carbon when performing a cost analysis. The SOC would like to consult with NYSERDA on this matter.
- Comprehensive Plan Update
 - The RFP for the comprehensive plan update is still under development. More info on this matter to come at a later date.
- Lighting Study
 - A discussion on the current state of the lighting study ensued.
 - Evert will forward Tom Lowe's original lighting study to the SOC.
 - The SOC wants to follow up on recent discussions between RG&E and the Town regarding possible lighting fixture upgrades.

New Business

- Graffiti Covered Traffic Control Boxes
 - Rochelle wants to introduce a policy that states that all traffic control boxes that have been defaced with graffiti must be re-painted within twenty four hours.
 - Rochelle is concerned with gang affiliated graffiti and signage being spray painted onto the traffic control boxes throughout town. Rochelle suggested that the Brighton Police Department should also be involved in this matter.
 - Rochelle will send out a letter to Town Board member Chris Werner explaining her concerns and suggestions in this matter. Chris will then present this communication to the rest of the Town Board.
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Path on the northeast corner of the MCC Campus
 - Rochelle would like to see an initiative on constructing a bicycle/pedestrian path, located on the northeast corner of the MCC Campus, which would connect the college campus to South Clinton Avenue.
 - Chris will touch base with the rest of the Town Board in this matter.



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- Farmland
 - Rochelle pointed out that farmland protection grants are available now. She inquired about the possibility of using said grants for the purchase of the Faith Temple land or any other open space land identified in the comprehensive plan.
 - Some members of the SOC thought that in order to qualify for the aforementioned type of grant, there had to be proof of a farming entity coming in to the farm land being purchased.
 - More discussion regarding this matter should follow at the next scheduled SOC meeting.
- Open Discussion
 - Steve wants to provide a presentation at the next scheduled SOC meeting on a particular type of Wind Generator that he has been researching.
 - Steve wants to report on his tour of the Town Parks' recycling efforts at the next scheduled SOC meeting.

Adjournment

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be September 3, 2014.