



Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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Sustainability Oversight Committee September 3, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Paul Tankel, Ron Wexler, Stephen Kittelberger, Erin Ryan, Eric Williams, Mike Guyon, Evert Garcia, Margy Peet (Color Brighton Green)

Minutes: The July 2, 2014 meeting minutes were approved.

Open Forum:

- Ron thanked Paul for his service and time spent as the chairman of the Sustainability Oversight Committee for the Town of Brighton.
- Ron explained that the SOC is still waiting to hear from Supervisor Moehle on how to proceed with nominating the next chairman for the committee. In the interim, Ron will be the sitting chairman.
- Steve requested to pull the wind energy presentation item from the meeting agenda due to the presentation not being ready. This item will be addressed in a future meeting.

Announcements:

- There were no announcements at the September SOC meeting.

Old Business

- Climate Smart Community Forum
 - The SOC discussed the climate smart community presentation conducted by Climate Action Associates, LLC, a consultant/contractor for NYSERDA. The presentation was held in the Town of Irondequoit.
 - The SOC discussed the Community-Wide Utility Energy Consumption Report spreadsheet for the Town of Brighton provided by Climate Action Associates. The spreadsheet provided, erroneously states the data provided is for the Town of Brighton in Franklin County, New York.
 - Evert will confirm with Climate Action Associates that the data provided on the Community-Wide Energy Consumption Report spreadsheet is indeed for the Town of Brighton in Monroe County.
 - Mike went through the results of the Greenhouse Gas Inventory (GHG) for municipal operations which was performed in 2007 as part of the green task initiative.



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- As part of CSC Pledge Item 2, the climate smart community is to “Set goals, inventory emissions, and plan for climate action.” To accomplish this task, many communities convene a task force of stakeholders, otherwise referred to as a “green team.” The Climate Action Associates consultant indicated that a separate team did not need to be formed and that the SOC could be the “green team” for the Town of Brighton.
- Color Brighton Green expressed interested in assisting the SOC in accomplishing some of the climate smart community goals. More specifically, Color Brighton Green would like to take on Pledge Item Number 9, which is to “Inform and Inspire the Public.”
- Color Brighton Green will start documenting action items from Color Brighton Green events that may also pertain to Climate Smart Communities pledge items.
- Shubhangi volunteered to review the Climate Smart Community/NYS DEC webpage and investigate available tools or grants that would assist the Town in meeting the CSC requirements. Evert is to provide Shubhangi with the URL for the main Climate Smart Communities webpage.
- The CSC certification program was briefly discussed. The SOC wants to know if the Town is interested in becoming certified. The checklist for certification appears to be fairly extensive.
- The SOC is eager to get started on completing the CSC pledge items. The SOC feels that the creation of a Climate Action Plan will lead to the establishment of goals and assignments for members of the Green Team. The first step will be to perform a community-wide Greenhouse Gas Inventory.
- Mike will investigate tools and templates that may be able to assist with the development of the GHG inventory.
- Cost of Carbon
 - Steve is interested in quantifying the social cost of carbon and developing a method to recover this cost. In the case of Boulder, Colorado, who implemented an energy use fee, the community’s goal was to fund a Climate Action Plan.
 - The SOC felt that the best way to quantify the cost of carbon at the moment would be to incorporate the impact of the cost of carbon during CIP budget reviews.
 - Steve would like to see the impact of the cost of carbon incorporated into the 2015 CIP budget review process.



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- Town Park Recycling
 - Steve attended a meeting with Superintendent of Parks Matt Beeman and Commissioner of Public Works Tim Keef to discuss recycling efforts at Town Parks.
 - Waste Management has changed the color of the dumpsters dedicated to recycling to yellow/green to distinguish them from the solid green trash dumpsters in order to reduce the amount cross-contamination.
 - However, the current trash/recycling bin setup still allows for a considerable amount of cross-mixing between trash debris and recyclables. To date, Waste Management has not refused a pickup.
 - Steve was informed by Matt and Tim that the Town does not want park employees to sort through debris in the bins in order to reduce cross-mixing due to safety and health concern with items that may be present in the trash/recyclables.
 - A discussion ensued about the merits and possibilities of spotting pairs of collection-point barrels around the parks. A side-by-side pair of barrels, one clearly labeled for trash and the other for recycling, which seems to be the standard approach in other municipalities and parks which practice recycling. Since the total volume of trash+recycling would not increase over the current system, the total number of barrels would not need to be increased.
 - Matt and Tim indicated that they would consider an experiment where one or two pairs of barrels will be provided in each park.

New Business

- Graffiti Covered Traffic Control Boxes
 - Rochelle's concern regarding the graffiti on the Traffic Control Boxes was briefly discussed. A more extensive conversation on this matter will occur at a future meeting.
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Path on the northeast corner of the MCC Campus
 - This item was briefly discussed. A more extensive conversation on this matter will occur at a future meeting.



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Adjournment

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be October 1, 2014.

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