



Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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Sustainability Oversight Committee November 5, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Ron Wexler, Erin Ryan, Paul Tankel, Stephen Kittelberger, Rochelle Bell, Margy Peet (Color Brighton Green), Karen Berger, Evert Garcia

Minutes:

The September 3, 2014 meeting minutes were approved.

Open Forum:

Announcements:

- Erin Ryan was announced as the Vice Chairperson of the Sustainability Oversight Committee.

Old Business

- SOC Intern from the University of Rochester
 - The SOC is interested in retaining an intern from the Sustainability program of the U of R to assist the SOC in accomplishing tasks outlined in the Climate Smart Community Pledge.
 - Ron brought up the task list associated with the last intern position from 2012. The SOC felt that the list from 2012 could be edited to include items associated with the Climate Smart Community pledge and serve as a starting point for the intern "job description."
 - Karen Berger agreed to draft up a letter describing the tasks associated with the proposed intern position and will disseminate to students at the junior and senior level of the Sustainability Program at the U of R in order to gauge interest.
 - The intern position will have to be approved by the Town FASC Committee and subsequently by the Town Board in order to proceed.
 - Erin agreed to be the liaison between the SOC and the intern and Evert will be the point of contact between the Town and the intern.
- Climate Smart Communities
 - The upcoming Greenhouse Gas Inventory, GHG, training by Climate Actions, LLC on November 13, 2014 was briefly discussed. Various members of the SOC stated their interest in attending the event.



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- The Town of Brighton is in possession of historical data for GHG inventories that were performed in 2001, 2005, and 2007. The Town is in the process of attempting to extract usable data out the proprietary database files that are associated with the historical inventories.
- In the interim, the SOC discussed whether 2014 could be used to establish a baseline for the GHG. Evert will collect utility bill data for 2014 that would be used for this purpose.
- The Local Government GHG Accounting Tool provided by Climate Action to the Town was discussed. The Accounting Tool is an Excel spreadsheet developed by ICF International and VHB Engineering for NYSERDA to assist local governments in evaluating greenhouse gas reductions associated with various strategies of local government operations.
- The SOC discussed having the upcoming student intern develop the GHG for municipal operations with the help of the Local Government GHG Accounting Tool as the first task. The intern would need support from Town staff in obtaining municipal operations energy consumption data.
- Street Lighting
 - The SOC discussed the recently announced RG&E program to replace the existing Harp Style light fixtures within neighborhoods in lighting districts.
 - The SOC is interested in finding out if the proposed metal halide lamp fixtures being used by RG&E to replace the existing incandescent lamps, have the ability to accept LED bulbs at a later date.
 - The SOC wants to know if the proposed lighting improvements have caused an adjustment in the tariffs being used to fund them.
 - Evert will forward the proposed fixture specifications and renderings to the SOC.
- Wind Energy/Alternate Energy
 - Steve requested an update from the Town on the status of the proposed Town Code Amendments regarding residential Wind and Solar Energy installations.
 - Ron stated that he would inquire on this matter and relay any findings to the rest of the SOC.



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- Town Park Recycling
 - Steve would like to invite Mr. Tim Keef or Mr. Matt Beeman to provide the SOC with a status regarding the Town Park Recycling efforts.
- Traffic Control Boxes
 - Rochelle inquired about the status of this matter being presented to the Public Works Committee by Board Member Chris Werner.
 - Logistics behind hiring an artist to paint the traffic control boxes were briefly discussed. A more extensive conversation on this matter will occur at a future meeting.
- Shared Used Trail to MCC
 - The shared used trail to MCC was briefly discussed. The SOC determined that this particular trail might not be the easiest/best trail to implement based on the Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan.
 - The SOC would like to revisit the implementation of this path a later date.
- Development Updates
 - Updates on current developments within the Town were discussed.
 - The SOC expressed that they would like to receive the development updates along with meeting agendas so that they have an opportunity to review prior to monthly meetings.

New Business

Adjournment

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be December 3, 2014.