



Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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Sustainability Oversight Committee March 11, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Ron Wexler, Rochelle Bell, Eric Williams, Steve Kittelberger, Shubhangi Gandhi, Erinn Ryen, Margy Peet (Color Brighton Green), Mike Guyon, Evert Garcia

Minutes:

The February 4, 2015 meeting minutes were approved without revision.

Open Forum:

Announcements:

Old Business

- Street Lighting follow up
 - Town staff members met with Larry Simpson, Program Director, at Willdan Energy Solutions to discuss performance based contracting options for street light LED improvements. Energy performance contracting is a financing technique that uses cost savings from the reduced energy consumption to repay the cost of installing energy conservation measures. Town staff will meet with the head of Willdan's Performance Contracting Division in April to further discuss this matter.
- Green House Gas Inventory
 - Erinn presented on the progress of the Greenhouse Gas Inventory. Mary is in the final stages of the data collection phase and most of the electrical and gas data for Town facilities has been sorted. Mary will proceed with inputting the gas and electric data into the CSC Local Government GHG Accounting tool in order to establish a municipal operations GHG baseline.
 - The SOC noticed that the Electric Breakdown by Department sheet in the presentation appeared to be missing about 1 million kWh from the total. Erinn will investigate this matter.
 - The SOC would like to find out how many light fixtures and how many different types of fixtures are installed throughout the Lighting Special Districts within the Town of Brighton. Evert will look into this matter.
 - Evert will upload a GIS map depicting the Lighting Special Districts throughout Town to the GHG inventory dropbox.
 - The SOC discussed trying to separate the electric and gas consumption data for the Town Hall campus between the Library, Town Hall, and Public



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Safety wings. Separating the energy data for the Town Hall campus might be difficult, as the building is served by only one meter for each energy type. An approximation could be made based on the square footage of each portion of the building. This matter will be discussed further once a carbon footprint baseline has been established.

- Climate Smart Communities Reports
 - The SOC reviewed the focus subgroup chart that was created for tasks associated the Climate Smart Community pledge items. It was discussed that the members should proceed with working on their pledge items.
 - Eric brought up a discussion point related to the development of Climate Smart Community action items with the timing of Town Operations. The completion of some of the Climate Smart Community pledge items could be performed more efficiently if they are coordinated with the scheduling of Town Operations. Mike will compile a broad timeline of major items associated with Town Operations that may affect how CSC Pledge action items are prioritized.
- Climate Smart Pledge Element 1
 - Mike briefly discussed the remaining item to finalize Pledge Element 1 from the CSC Pledge. The only remaining item to complete Pledge Element 1 is to “join a national or regional climate campaign or program.” The SOC discussed various options that may satisfy that requirement, with one of them being the Sierra Club Regional Group. Town staff will investigate to make sure that the aforementioned club satisfies the requirement for Pledge Element 1.
- 2015 Goals
 - The SOC wants to come up with goals for 2015. The SOC will review the 2014 goals document and revise based on items determined to be attainable in 2015.
- Comprehensive Plan Update
 - Rochelle spoke briefly on the status of the Comprehensive Plan Update for the Town of Brighton. All proposals have been received and the committee is in the process of reviewing said proposals. Consultants will be interviewed once the committee has finalized the proposal review process. Rochelle will keep the SOC informed on the progress in this matter.
- Alternate Energy Code Amendments
 - The proposed Solar Local Law was received and filed by the Town Board and referred to the Planning Board for preparation of an advisory report in their February 11th meeting. Once the Planning Board prepares the advisory



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report, the proposed Solar Local Law will go back to the Town Board for the adoption approval process.

- The SOC discussed the state of the proposed Wind Energy Ordinance. Concerns regarding the Wind Energy Ordinance still remain after 11 iterations by the Public Works committee. The SOC decided to refrain from continuing to pursue a Wind Energy Ordinance at this time. The SOC hopes that the adoption of the Solar Local Law will spur interest in other options for Alternative Energy solutions, at which point a Wind Energy Ordinance could be explored once again.
- Town Staff Attendance at SOC meetings
 - Andrew Robinson, Budget Director for the Town of Brighton will attend the next SOC meeting. The SOC hopes to get a better understanding of the Town budget process and how it relates to the Town's sustainability efforts.
- 2014 SOC Annual Report
 - Mike is in the process of creating a draft annual report for 2014. Mike will forward the draft to the SOC for review once he has completed it.
- Development Updates
 - Updates for development projects throughout the Town of Brighton were briefly discussed. There were no significant questions to the updates

New Business

Adjournment

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 1, 2015 at 7:00 PM.