



Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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Sustainability Oversight Committee July 15, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Ron Wexler, Paul Tankel, Rochelle Bell, Shubhangi Gandhi, Chris Werner, Mike Guyon, Evert Garcia

Minutes:

The approval of the July 15, 2015 meeting minutes was deferred until next month's meeting.

Open Forum:

- Presentation by Eli Fischer on Recycling
 - Eli expressed concerns to the SOC regarding recycling centers which are currently not permitted in the current Town code. He would like to see the code changed to permit recycling centers. Eli is interested in opening a recycling facility within the Town of Brighton. Currently, opening a Recycling Facility within the Town of Brighton would require a use variance.
 - Eli is asking the SOC to review his concerns and determine if they could assist in supporting a change to the Town Code that would allow for the ability to open a recycling facility within the Town of Brighton.
- Presentation by Community Composting and R.M Putney & Associates
 - Community Composting provides residential and institutional composting services to select zip codes within Monroe County.
 - R.M Putney and Associates provides Zero Waste planning, disposal and educational services and products for special events, businesses, institutions, municipalities and residential consumers throughout the Finger Lakes Region.
 - Both Community Composting and R.M Putney & Associates have identified Brighton, NY as a critical target audience in the movement to become a leader in the zero waste evolution and would like to expand their operations in the Town.

Announcements:

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- Street Lighting
 - Evert provided a brief update on the Town Staff analysis of the feasibility of upgrading various Town owned street lights to LED fixtures. Preliminary data appears to indicate that the current annual revenue generated by the lighting districts in question would not be able to sustain the estimated annual costs associated with this project. A more thorough presentation on this matter will be provided at the next meeting.
- Green House Gas Inventory
 - Cassidy was announced as the new intern for the SOC. Cassidy will work on finalizing the GHG inventory for Town operations that Mary was previously working on. Cassidy is expected to begin her internship in the fall of this year.
 - The SOC hopes that a baseline for Town facilities energy use will be established by the fall of this year. Once a GHG baseline has been established, Ron is interested in bringing in an intern specializing in public policy to draft a climate action plan.
- Comprehensive Plan Update
 - The SOC briefly reviewed the CSC Matrix and identified items that they thought could be addressed by the Comprehensive Plan Update. It was noted that CSC Pledge Item 6, Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions Through Use of Climate-Smart Land-Use Tools, appears to be a directly related to the comprehensive plan.
 - After the discussion, it was determined that Mike should present the CSC checklist to the Comprehensive Plan Update Consultant, Barton and Loguidice, and let them determine what items from the CSC pledge will be covered by the scope of their task.
- SOC and Town Board Meeting
 - The SOC briefly discussed the scheduling and topic items for the annual progress meeting with the Town Board in the fall of 2015. The SOC would like to discuss highlights of the 2014 Annual Report and anticipated annual goals for 2015.
- Capital Improvement Plan
 - Mike asked that all comments from SOC members regarding the 2015 CIP be submitted by July 24, 2015.



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- Mike will distribute draft CIP review documents that are currently available, along with the 2014 CIP recommendations, to the SOC via email.
- Development Updates
 - Updates for development projects throughout the Town were briefly discussed.

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- Rochester Sustainability Collaborative
 - Paul presented information to the SOC on The Rochester Sustainability Collaborative (RSC). The RSC is a dynamic network of businesses, educational institutions, governments, and community entities whose objective is to create a common sustainability agenda for the Greater Rochester Area.
 - Paul is interested in possibly having the Town of Brighton become a member of the RSC. The SOC would like to review the member pledge and learn more about the RSC. Further discussion on this matter will resume at the next SOC meeting. In the interim, Paul will attend the RSC Kick-Off meeting on September 17 and keep the SOC posted on any updates.

Adjournment

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be September 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM.