



Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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Sustainability Oversight Committee October 7, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Ron Wexler , Steve Kittelberger, Rochelle Bell, Erinn Ryan, Eric Williams, Shubhangi Gandhi, Paul Tankel, Mike Guyon, Evert Garcia, Cassidy Putney, Gregory Shinaman

Minutes:

The July 15, 2015 meeting minutes and the September 2, 2015 meeting minutes were approved with no revisions.

Open Forum:

Announcements:

Old Business

- Greenhouse Gas Inventory
 - Review Climate Action Plans, Cassidy
 - Cassidy discussed her progress on finalizing the greenhouse gas inventory for Town Operations. She is finding that existing Town data may not have the details required for the CSC greenhouse gas inventory tool. Cassidy will contact Climate Smart Communities to determine what type of data is acceptable to them. Eric stated that the existing data could still be used to provide a big picture understanding of Town operations.
 - Cassidy asked for clarification on questions and subject matter that the SOC would like answered concerning NYSERDA so that she may present on those items at the next meeting. It was decided that Cassidy should present on current funding opportunities and current programs available at NYSERDA.
 - Additionally, Cassidy hopes to review various existing Climate Action Plans developed by other communities and present the information to the SOC at the next meeting.
 - U of R Intern
 - Greg Shinaman introduced himself to the SOC. Greg is a student from the U of R and will be working with the SOC for the current semester and possibly the upcoming semester as well. Greg will start working on completing the Community wide greenhouse gas inventory.



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- Lighting Rates, Evert Garcia
 - Evert provided a summary of the rates paid by the various Lighting Districts throughout the Town. It appears that the rates vary by district. The SOC would like to look into this and figure out why. Steve would like to review typical monthly bills for the Lighting Districts and compare to the rates. Evert will follow up on these matters.

- Climate Smart Communities
 - The SOC discussed inviting Supervisor Bill Moehle and/or the Town's Budget Officer, Andrew Robinson as Staff Guests to discuss the New York State Tax Cap and other financing items.
 - The SOC discussed Mike's draft letter to the Town Board requesting permission for the SOC to investigate the inclusion of a recycling facility as a conditionally permitted use within the Code of the Town of Brighton. The SOC is agreeable to submitting the letter with no revisions.
 - Focus Subgroup Reports:
 - The SOC decided that reports that are generated from CSC focus subgroups will be sent to Cassidy to be included in the Town's upcoming Climate Action Plan.
 - National or Regional Campaign:
 - As part of the required steps for becoming a certified climate smart community, the Town must join the efforts of a National or Regional Campaign. The SOC discussed the various national or regional campaigns that are available for the Town to join.
 - Cassidy will poll other CSC Communities and see what National or Regional campaigns other communities are using and report back to the SOC.
 - Mike will check to see if the Town has any funds available for joining a campaign.

- Comprehensive Plan Update
 - The consultant has a copy of the CSC checklist and is approachable to incorporating items from the CSC pledge into the Comprehensive Plan update. The Consultant wants to meet with Ron, the SOC chairperson, to discuss this matter further.



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- SOC and Town Board Meeting
 - The SOC briefly discussed the 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. The SOC would also like to discuss Climate Smart Communities and what taking the Pledge means for the Town of Brighton. Finally, the SOC would like to discuss with the Town Board the feasibility of funding Sustainability related projects with current levels of revenue.
 - Each focus subgroup will provide Ron with one PowerPoint slide for the meeting between the SOC and the Town Board so that they may be compiled into a unified presentation. These slides are due to Ron by October 14th. **Due to the postponement of the meeting between the SOC and the Town Board, the slides are now due to Ron by October 30th. The slides will be discussed at the next SOC meeting on November 4th.**
 - Evert suggested using Dropbox for uploading all of the focus subgroups PowerPoint slides onto one location. Evert will send out a link to the dropbox folder.
- Development Updates
 - Updates for development projects throughout the Town were briefly discussed.

New Business

- Rochester Sustainability Collaborative
 - The SOC determined that the RSC initiative, as it currently stands, is too generic with no clear direction of a goal. In the future the RSC may evolve into something more substantive, however, at this time, the SOC would like to remove this item from future topics of discussion.

Adjournment

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be November 4, 2015 at 7:00 PM.