



Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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Sustainability Oversight Committee April 6, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Ron Wexler, Eric Williams, Steve Kittelberger, Chris Werner, Erinn Ryen, Paul Tankel, Shubhangi Gandhi, Margy Peet, Cassidy Putney, Greg Shinaman, Mike Guyon, Evert Garcia

Minutes:

The January 6, 2016 meeting minutes were approved without revisions.
The February 3, 2016 meeting minutes were approved without revisions.

Open Forum:

Announcements:

Old Business

- SOC and Town Board Meeting Recap
 - One of the items discussed in the SOC and Town Board meeting was that Supervisor Moehle indicated that he wants Brighton to become a certified climate smart community. The SOC and Town staff will start tallying points and putting documents together for the certification process.
 - Another takeaway from the meeting was that future sustainability related improvements need to consider the economics of implementing the project.
 - During the meeting, both the SOC and the Town Board agreed that a better relationship was needed between the Comprehensive Plan committee and the SOC. A new liaison between the Comprehensive Plan committee and the SOC has been established and will be discussed later in the meeting.
 - Overall, the SOC felt that the meeting went well and was productive.
- Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting Recap
 - The SOC briefly discussed the Public Information Meeting #2 for the Comprehensive Plan Update. The minutes and notes from the aforementioned meeting are available on the Comprehensive Plan Update website, which can be found at the following link: <http://www.envisionbrighton.org/>. The SOC should review the meeting minutes and provide comments back to Mike regarding any questions or concerns.
- Green House Gas Inventory



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- Greg presented an update on the status of the 2014 GHG for Community Emissions in Brighton.
- The GHG inventory for community emissions indicated that the total greenhouse gas emissions for Town Operations in 2014 was 434,600 MT CO_{2e}. The largest source of emissions for the community was Mobile Combustion, with about 50% of the total emissions.
- Within the mobile emissions category, Light Duty vehicles and trucks account for the majority of the emissions. The vehicle traffic data for this inventory was provided by the Genesee Transportation Council. The SOC inquired as to whether the data provided accounted for all traffic passing the Town of Brighton, or just traffic that was generated in Brighton. Town staff will look into this matter and follow up with the SOC.
- Next, Cassidy presented an update on the Town Operations Greenhouse Gas Inventory.
- A brief discussion occurred on the selection of an eGRID emissions factor. The SOC decided that the NYS average value should be used in our GHG inventory, in lieu of using the Upstate New York emissions factor. Currently, the Upstate NY emissions factor takes into account energy generated by nuclear and hydro sources in the Upstate New York region and therefore would result in slightly smaller emissions numbers. However, the Ginna Nuclear power plant is slated to be decommissioned in the near future and consequently, will negatively affect the Upstate NY emissions factor. Selecting to use the NYS average emissions factor in the Town's GHG inventory now, avoids having to adjust the numbers at a later date.
- Cassidy presented a historical comparison chart of the various GHG inventories performed over the years for Town of Brighton Operations. The chart indicated that from 2001, the percent change in MT CO_{2e} for Town Operations has been reduced by 45.5%. The SOC briefly discussed what the possible reason could be for such a drastic reduction in emissions. The SOC and Town staff will review the data to confirm that the reduction in emissions is accurate.
- Next, Cassidy discussed and provided an outline for the Greenhouse Gas Inventory summary report that she is working on, which will be similar in format to the City of Binghamton's GHG summary report. The report is intended to make the data replicable for future comparisons.
- Cassidy indicated that she would like feedback from the SOC on the proposed GHG inventory summary report outline. The report outline has been emailed out to all members of the SOC.
- Cassidy indicated that her internship with the Town of Brighton will conclude at the end of May. By the end of her internship, Cassidy will like to



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have the GHG Inventory Summary Report finalized and a draft for the Climate Action Plan started.

- Interior Lighting Follow Up, Eric
 - Eric indicated that Rafael and Brendan will be performing the feasibility study that will look into replacing interior fluorescent lighting at the Town Hall complex with LED lighting. Town staff will assist Rafael and Brendan throughout this process.
- SOC Comprehensive Plan Liaison
 - The new liaison between the SOC and the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee has been selected. The new liaison is Erinn Ryan.
- New SOC Member
 - Various candidates have been interviewed to fill the position on the SOC left vacant by Rochelle Bell. An announcement regarding this matter will be made shortly.
- Educational Program
 - Margy indicated Color Brighton Green is interested in assisting the Town with developing an educational/informational program, however, they are awaiting more information regarding the nature of the request.
- Development Updates
 - Updates for development projects throughout the Town were briefly discussed.

New Business

- Solarize NY
 - Solarize NY is a program run by ROCSPOT and supported by NYSERDA that aims to match local residents with solar panel installers that have been vetted, reviewed, and carefully selected. They will hold monthly solar assemblies designed to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn more about solar power, participate in Q&A, and sign up for free solar assessments to find out exactly how solar can work for your home or business.
 - Steve presented a scenario in which he indicated that the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Town Hall complex may be feasible. Steve would like to invite professionals to come in and speak to the SOC about options



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that may be available for solar panel installations on the roofs of local public buildings. Town staff will work on inviting a guest for this purpose.

- Geothermal Ordinance
 - The Town is working on creating a geothermal ordinance that will regulate the installation process of geothermal well installations, including the drilling component.
- Capital Improvement Plan, CIP
 - Mike indicated that he would to get the CIP review by the SOC process started earlier this year. Mike will send out the CIP chart to all of the members of the SOC for review and comment.

Adjournment

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be May 4, 2016 at 7:00 PM.