



Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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Sustainability Oversight Committee May 4, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Ron Wexler, Eric Williams, Chris Werner, Erinn Ryen, Paul Tankel, Shubhangi Gandhi, Mohamed Razak, Margy Peet, Cassidy Putney, Mike Guyon, Evert Garcia, Mitch Nellies (Public)

Minutes:

The April 6, 2016 meeting minutes were approved pending minor corrections.

Open Forum:

Announcements:

- SOC New Member
 - It was announced that Margy Peet has been selected as the newest member of the SOC. Congratulations Margy.

Old Business

- Comprehensive Plan Update
 - Mike informed the SOC that the comprehensive plan update is currently in the data gathering stage.
 - The SOC will review the GHG report prepared by Cassidy and determine when the report can be released for use and consideration in the comprehensive plan update.
- Guest Speaker, Mohamed Razak
 - Mohamed Razak, member of the Comprehensive Plan Update committee, attended the meeting to provide the SOC with a brief overview of the current state of the comprehensive plan.
 - Mohamed stated that he is interested in having the opportunity to review the GHG Report as it may provide insight and guidance that could be included with the overall comprehensive plan update.
 - Mohamed indicated that a large portion of the comprehensive plan update is sustainability focused and that ultimately, the comprehensive plan must be consistent with the requirements of the NYSERDA provided grant.



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- Mohamed provided some insight on his personal ideas and what he would like to see recommended by the comprehensive plan. Mohamed indicated that he would like to see a redevelopment of a Town Center and that he thinks that private-public partnerships will be necessary to implement the Town Center vision. Mohamed also indicated that the existing Town Code will need to be reviewed in order to be consistent with the goals and objectives of the comprehensive plan update.
- Green House Gas Inventory, Cassidy
 - Cassidy reviewed the Draft Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report. A brief discussion on the contents of the report followed. Below is a compilation of comments from the discussion:
 - The GHG summary should clearly identify what the reported emissions represent. Additionally, the report should make a distinction between energy use per capita versus GHG emissions per capita and compare the aforementioned values to other communities nationwide.
 - There is some question as to what entities are included under the “Public Authority” category as noted in the data provided to the Town by RG&E. Town staff will investigate this matter further.
 - The library’s energy consumption data is included with the Town Hall’s data and therefore they should be mentioned in the report.
 - An explanation should be provided as to why the Town is receiving emissions credit in the EPA WARM model for calculating emissions from solid waste operations.
 - Mohamed indicated that he would like to see actionable items and recommendations resulting from the GHG Inventory. The SOC indicated that actionable items will be provided in subsequent steps, such as in the Climate Action Plan.
 - Cassidy indicated that her last day of internship with the Town will be on Friday, May 13th. She would like for the SOC to read through the Draft GHG Report and provide comments on the report by Wednesday, May 11.
 - Town staff will upload the Draft GHG Report to a cloud service that will allow collaboration and commenting from all members of the SOC on the same document.
- Interior Lighting Project



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- Eric has a meeting scheduled on May 5th to discuss the results of Rafael's Town Hall interior lighting upgrade study. Rafael will be invited to next month's SOC meeting to present his findings.
- Climate Smart Communities
 - Much of the work on Climate Smart Communities was dependent on the completion of the Greenhouse Gas Inventories. Progress on the CSC program can now continue.
- Capital Improvement Plan, CIP
 - Mike sent out the Town's CIP program to the SOC for review and comment. The Town will be starting the CIP review process in a week or two. Mike would like the SOC to review the CIP and provide comments so that he may compile them into a singular document. This matter will be discussed further at the June meeting.
- 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.
 - No solar assemblies are scheduled in Brighton for May. However, Margy indicated that there will be a Solar Drinks event on May 9th at Joey B's.
- 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.
 - Town staff is aiming to have a Draft Ordinance available for review by the June or July SOC meeting.
- Leaf Blowers
 - Paul brought up the topic of emissions generated by leaf blowers and other two cycle internal combustion engines. Paul indicated that these types of leaf blowers can emit approximately 300 times more greenhouse gases than a pickup truck.



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- Paul stated that Los Angeles County has banned the use of gas powered leaf blowers.
- Paul indicated that there may be grants available to further research the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions from leaf blowers and other two cycle gas powered engines commonly found in landscaping equipment. One such source of grants may be the NYS Pollution Prevention Institute, headquartered at RIT.
- Eric, Erin and Paul will investigate possible grant funding at the P2 institute at RIT. The grant funding cycle starts in September.
- Development Updates
 - Updates for development projects throughout the Town were briefly discussed.

New Business

Adjournment

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM.