



Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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Sustainability Oversight Committee July 13, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Ron Wexler, Eric Williams, Chris Werner, Erinn Ryen, Paul Tankel, Shubhangi Gandhi, Margy Peet, Mike Guyon, Evert Garcia, Brendan Ryan, Rafael Carneiro, Mitch Nellies (Public)

Minutes:

The June 1, 2016 meeting minutes were approved without revisions.

Open Forum:

Announcements:

Old Business

- Comprehensive Plan Update
 - Mike outlined the next steps for making progress on the Comprehensive Plan Update. A copy of the outline document will be emailed to the SOC. A few key items to note are as follows:
 - The comprehensive plan update committee recently met with the SOC subgroup, which is comprised of Ron Wexler and Erinn Ryen, to update Erin on the status of the plan, as Erin is the new liaison between the SOC and the Comprehensive Plan Committee.
 - The consultant for the comprehensive plan has drafted a Key Issue Identification Report. The Key Issue Identification Draft Report will be reviewed by the comprehensive plan committee. The Key Issue Identification Report will then be modified per comments received and subsequently be submitted to NYSERDA as part of the final comprehensive plan.
 - The comprehensive plan vision statement has been developed.
 - The Sustainability Goals and Recommendations report will be developed throughout the summer and could go into the fall.
 - The Park Plan is currently being developed. Public Meeting number 3, on June 13, 2016, is intended to provide background on Town-owned parcels adjacent to Buckland Park along Westfall Road and receive public input. The Park Plan will be modified based on public comments and submitted to NYSERDA as part of the final comprehensive plan.



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- Public Meeting #4 will be held following the development of a Draft Comprehensive Plan and State Environmental Quality Review.
- The Final Comprehensive Plan will be submitted subsequent to all of the aforementioned items.
- The SOC discussed different options that may be available in order to share draft documents related to the comprehensive plan update securely. Mike indicated that Town Staff will investigate ways that would allow the document to be reviewed by the SOC.
- Green House Gas Inventory
 - The SOC indicated that they would like to see recommendations be developed from the greenhouse gas inventory report.
 - The SOC would like to provide formal recognition to the all of the interns that have worked on the CSC Greenhouse Inventory. Mike suggested having the Town Board pass a resolution to thank the interns and having Cassidy present the results of the GHG to the Town Board.
- Interior Lighting Project
 - Rafael and Brendan presented their findings on the Town Hall Campus Interior Lighting Study.
 - The study indicates that there is an economic justification for a particular amount of bulbs in the Town Hall facility that can be upgraded to LEDs while maintaining a payback period of one year.
 - Brendan provided more details on the various categories of electrical rates that the Town pays per kWh. He indicated that the cost of electricity varies based on how much electricity is used during the peak demand time's vs the off-peak demand time's. Taking the variability of usage rates into account, the number of fluorescent bulbs that can be justifiable upgraded to LEDs can increase by about 10%.
 - Eric will share Rafael's presentation with the SOC.
- Climate Smart Communities-Focus Subgroup Reports:
 - Ron requested that each focus subgroup should generate two lists. One list for CSC projects that can be easily completed and the other for projects that could be accomplished with no financial constraints, further organized by priorities. The aforementioned lists should be based on the results of the recently completed GHG inventory.



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- Ron indicated that he would like for the SOC to start thinking about and discussing the Climate Action Plan in subsequent meetings. Additionally, Ron suggested that the SOC starts thinking about bringing on another intern to assist with work that may be required for the CAP in the fall.
- Margy suggested that the SOC should determine what level of Climate Smart Community the Town would like to achieve, as that can affect the focus subgroup priorities lists. Mike will email the current CSC list with scores.
- Capital Improvement Plan, CIP
 - Mike sent out the Town's CIP program to the SOC for review and comment. Mike would like the SOC to review the CIP and provide comments back to him by the July SOC 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.
 - Mike will email the dates of the solar assemblies scheduled in Brighton to the SOC. More information on Solarize NY can be found on the web at <http://www.rocspot.org/solarize-about/>
- Geothermal Ordinance
 - The Town is working on creating a geothermal ordinance that will regulate the installation process of geothermal wells, including the drilling component.
 - Town staff is aiming to have a Draft Ordinance available for review at a future SOC meeting.
- Leaf Blowers
 - The SOC would like to investigate whether grants are available to study 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.



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- Potential Guest Speakers
 - The SOC discussed possible guest speakers to invite and present on an SOC related topic. A list of potential guest speakers and topics include:
 - Frank Sciremammano- to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.
 - Ram Shrivastava- from Larsen Engineers to discuss solar installations.
 - Mike DeClerck- from Waste Management to discuss Climate Smart Communities and progress on recycling.
 - Brendan Ryan- to discuss building energy envelopes and auditing.
 - The Monroe County Stormwater Coalition- to discuss the Monroe County Stormwater Master Plan and stormwater retrofit projects.
- Development Updates-Whole Foods
 - Updates for development projects throughout the Town were briefly discussed.
 - Mike announced that the revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Whole Foods Plaza development is available for download and review from the town website.

New Business

Adjournment

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be July 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM.