



Sustainability Oversight Committee

Secretary – Mike Guyon

Sustainability Oversight Committee June 5, 2017

Draft Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Erinn Ryen, Paul Tankel, Steve Kittelberger, Shubhangi Gandhi, Margy Peet, Mitch Nellis, Chris Werner, Mike Guyon, Evert Garcia

Minutes: The May 2017 meeting minutes were approved with no revisions.

Open Forum:

Announcements:

Old Business

- NYS Initiatives
 - Paul indicated that he has reached out to Mark Dunlea to offer the SOC's support for current NYS legislation initiatives relating to sustainability. Paul has not heard back from Mr. Dunlea yet and will follow up with this matter.
 - Margy indicated that she will investigate and determine the bill numbers for current legislation being proposed at the State level and distribute to the SOC.
- Solar Ordinance and Tree City USA
 - The SOC re-visited Sherry's concern regarding this matter and reviewed the proposed amendments by Sherry to the existing solar ordinance.
 - The SOC discussed Steve's suggested changes to Sherry's amendment of the Town's solar ordinance. Some members of the SOC expressed concerns over Steve's proposed revision as the Town does not have the ability to permit/regulate private property.
 - Margy expressed some concern provided a scenario where Town trees might be planted in the public right of way in such a manner that they would block pre-existing solar arrays on a residence.
 - The SOC indicated that they should wait for the Town attorney to complete his review of the ordinances prior to discussing this matter further.

- Town staff will send out documentation from the City of San Diego, California that Mitch came across which discusses many of the scenarios discussed by the SOC regarding this matter.
- Climate Action Plan
 - Zoe, our new SOC intern, has started working on the CAP and is making great progress. Zoe will use the existing SOC priority survey to continue development of the CAP and request feedback from the SOC along the way.
 - Erinn gave a presentation on Town and Community energy consumption for the baseline year of 2014 with proposed reduction goal scenarios.
 - In her presentation, Erinn provided charts with trend lines depicting various scenarios for energy and GHG reductions. Additionally, Erinn provided a comparison table with anticipated values of Energy Consumption and GHG Emissions if the Town was to adopt the NYS reduction goals of 23% energy consumption reduction by 2030, 40% GHG emission reduction by 2030 and 80% GHG emissions reduction by 2050.
 - The SOC decided that 2014 should be established as the baseline year for Brighton along with adopting the same reduction goals as New York State. The proposed goals might have to be adjusted along the way depending on how much progress is made.
 - Margy asked if the SOC was interested in having a presentation on Community Choice Aggregation at the next meeting. The SOC decided that it would be helpful to have a presentation on CCA and Town staff indicated that they will add this matter to the agenda next month.
- Comprehensive Plan Vision, Policy Framework and Recommendations
 - The SOC has prepared a comment letter in response to their review of the draft policy framework which has been submitted to the Comprehensive Plan Committee.
 - Paul indicated that he would like to receive some feedback on SOC comments that are considered but not incorporated into the final comprehensive plan.
- Development Update
 - The latest developments on projects within the Town were briefly discussed.
- ECO Fair Participation
 - The SOC decided that they will delay participation in the ECO fair until 2017 so that more time is available to develop a program for the fair.

New Business

Adjournment

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be July 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM.