



Sustainability Oversight Committee

Secretary – Mike Guyon

Sustainability Oversight Committee December 5, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Erinn Ryen, Shubhangi Gandhi, Mitch Nellis, Ron Wexler, Steve Kittelberger, Robin Wilt, Mike Guyon, Evert Garcia, Patrick Martino, Mike Leone, Rodney

Minutes: The November 2018 meeting minutes were approved with no revisions.

Announcements:

Old Business

o **Patrick Martino, Waste Management**

- o Patrick gave a presentation on the state of the recycling industry in the United States.
- o China is currently limiting contamination of imported recycled product to 0.5%.
- o Several Chinese recycling companies are starting to falter due to lack of material coming in. Some Chinese firms are exploring the possibility of opening recycling facilities in the United States to bypass the new import requirements.
- o Waste Management is currently exploring other outlets for processing the recycled material that would typically be exported to China.
- o Patrick provided the committee various handouts on best management practices for recycling at home and at work. Copies of the handouts can be found on www.rort.com
- o The SOC indicated that they are interested in pursuing totes for recycling containers as opposed to the current bins provided Waste Management. Waste Management indicated that their data shows that totes increase contamination of recycled product and therefore have not pursued it.
- o The SOC inquired about the possibility of Waste Management offering curb side composting for Brighton residents. Waste Management indicated that the economics for that type of service is not currently favorable for them. They recommend using one of the various composting services available, such as Community Composting or Impact Earth.
- o Town staff has previously explored pursuing a pilot district for residential composting. Town staff will request customer location data from Community Composting and Impact Earth to determine if there is enough density in any geographic area of Town to pursue a pilot district.
- o Robin indicated that there might be grant opportunities from P2I which can assist the Town with a pilot program. Town staff will investigate.

o **Climate Action Plan (CAP) RFP**

- o The committee reviewed comments provided by various members on the draft CAP RFP. Town staff will update the RFP document accordingly and distribute to the SOC for final comments.

- **Pedestrian Scramble Letter**
 - The committee reviewed comments provided by various member of the SOC on the pedestrian scramble letter.
 - Erinn suggested that we include real data on the number of accidents which have occurred at the 12 corners intersection in recent history. Town staff will obtain this data and subsequently update the pedestrian scramble letter.
- **CCA MOU Update**
 - Robin provided a brief update on the CCA. The Town has joined Irondequoit and Pittsford in executing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow for the joint selection of a third-party administrator to secure a 100-percent renewable clean energy product.
- **SOC Membership Update**
 - The Town Board has indicated that two new members will be selected to join the SOC. Candidates for the positions are currently being evaluated.
- **Development Update**
 - The latest development projects within the Town were briefly discussed.

New Business

Adjournment

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting will be February 6, 2019, at 7:00 PM.