



Sustainability Oversight Committee

Secretary – Evert Garcia

Sustainability Oversight Committee September 27, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Evert Garcia, Brendan Ryan, Robin Wilt, Erinn Ryen, William Bayer, Nate Gibbs, Mitch Nellis, William Brower, Jayme Breschard, Lena DeSantis (remotely),

Open Forum:

Minutes:

- September meeting minutes were approved with no revisions

Announcements:

Communications:

- The committee received a letter from Town resident Jane van Dis, MD in which she asked the SOC to consider supporting ground mounted solar in the Town of Brighton.
- The committee indicated that they are willing to support Ms. Van Dis if she wishes to pursue a variance for ground mounted solar installation at her residence. Town staff will reach out and inform her of the committee's position.

Old Business

- **Climate Action Plan Update**
 - Lena DeSantis, Anchor QEA, provided an updated on the GHG EI which will be included with the CAP. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes. Goals for the updated GHG include:
 - Updating Scope 1,2, and 3 emissions to 2020 values
 - Develop trackable metrics and clear ties to the CAP and certification actions
 - Update the report for clear organization and presentation to the public
 - Anchor QEA described how the excel based database will look and function.
 - The general trend is that emissions were lower overall in 2020 for Town operations when compared to the 2014 baseline. Anchor QEA is still analysis Scope 3 (Community) emissions for 2020.
 - The next steps for the GHG update include QA/QC for the data and developing metrics.
 - Jayme Breschard, B&L, reviewed the revised timeline for upcoming public events and project meetings. We are nearing the last few months of the project. There are two more Public Meetings left (East and West Brighton Forums) and a final Public Hearing.

- **SOC CIP Review**
 - The Town of Brighton has requested review comments from the SOC on the 2023-2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
 - Town staff will distribute the CIP documents and last year's CIP letter for review and comment by the SOC. Comments from the committee are due by 10/7.

- **EV Charger Grant Application Status**
 - Town staff has been tasked with preparing grant applications to the Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) Infrastructure program to facilitate installation of additional EV charging stations at various public locations throughout the Town of Brighton.
 - Applications are due 10/30.

- **HeatSmart Campaign Update**
 - The final scoping document for the local campaign has been reviewed and approved by NYSERDA.
 - The first HeatSmart Brighton Campaign informational event is scheduled for 10/4 at the Brighton Memorial Library.

- **Pollinator Gardens Update**
 - The Town is currently exploring the feasibility of replacing some of the plantings associated with the Monroe Avenue GIGP with pollinator friendly plantings.
 - Town staff will coordinate a meeting with Seneca Park Zoo to review the best locations along Monroe Avenue for the pollinator plants.

- **Updates- Town Projects**
 - Town Hall Study: The project team is currently evaluating the building and all of the systems, hoping to do the renovations as sustainably as possible.

Adjournment

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for **October 25, 2022**, at 7:00 PM in person at the Town Hall