



# *Town of Brighton*

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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## **Sustainability Oversight Committee**

**June 6, 2012**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** The meeting was held in the Stage Conference Room at the Brighton Town Hall and began at 7:05 PM.

Paul Tankel, Chairperson	present
Stephen Kittelberger	present
Erinn Ryen	present
Paul Gardner	absent
Ronald Wexler, Vice Chair	present
Shubhangi Gandhi	present
Peter DeBaal	absent
Michael Guyon, PE	present
Eric Mineker	present
Lynne Mitchell	present
Ramsey Boehner	present

**Minutes:** The draft May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved without modifications.

#### **Open Forum:**

Color Brighton Green representative, Lynn M. discussed accomplishments within the organization. #7 plastics are being recycled, winter lecture series at the library, information updated regularly on their website, and a composting program with Council Rock. Paul T. offered the SOC services for Color Brighton Green initiatives that require Town actions.

#### **Announcements:**

#### **Old Business**

##### A. Solar Ordinance

The draft Solar Ordinance was presented before the Public Works Committee by Ramsey Boehner and was well received. Two additions must be made. The Solar must go to the Historic Preservation Committee if it alters a historic structure and the Planning Board for comments and an advisory report. A workshop could be provided in order to further educate those interested. It could be a new chapter in the code, "Renewable Energy". Ramsey will draft a letter of recommendation to the Town Board for the Solar Ordinance.



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#### B. Wind Ordinance

The draft Wind Ordinance was presented before the Public Works Committee by Ramsey Boehner. Visual impacts of the turbines, ice throw, and other factors will require more research before moving forward. Mike G. will email a comparison matrix to the committee members. Steve K. suggested having an intern review wind energy alternatives.

#### C. Website additions or suggestions

The website could provide a public opinion survey for residents to poll support for green/sustainability improvements or ordinances. Links can be provided that will share information on sustainable practices but should not endorse any 3<sup>rd</sup> parties. A link would also be provided to Color Brighton Green.

#### D. Pathstone Home Energy Program

Pathstone is a non-profit organization that supports green home initiatives such as loan programs, and energy audits. The challenge is to get the information out. Lynne M. will read the Pathstone brochures and promote it if it parallels the goals of Color Brighton Green.

#### E. SOC Intern

The intern should be coordinated through a faculty member to establish school credit. An outline should be developed for the work required to better gauge the student level we're seeking. Ron W. will explore options at the high school and Erin will explore opportunities at the college of liberal arts at RIT.

#### F. Development Update(s)

Mike G. presented updates, summary is attached.

#### G. Recycling in the Parks

Parks in other towns have been recycling; modeling the program outlined by SOC. Mike G. will arrange a meeting with Tim K. and Bill M. for an open discussion about recycling in the parks.

### **New Business**

#### A. Wind Ordinance

SOC will rewrite the wind ordinance and conduct more research of what has worked in other towns to date.



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### B. SOC Intern

An outline of responsibilities for a prospective intern should be developed to better evaluate the SOC needs and the age of student best suited for the position.

### C. Recycling

The SOC wishes to explore the obstacles that are preventing the Town of Brighton from recycling in the parks and open dialogue with other Towns to find out how these obstacles are overcome.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in the Stage Conference Room at 7:00 PM to 8:30 pm at Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Eric Mineker