



# *Town of Brighton*

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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## ***Sustainability Oversight Committee***

***December 5, 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
Ronald Wexler	present
Subhanghi Gandhi	present
Michael Guyon, PE	present
Eric Mineker	present
Emily Kraus	present
Alayna Arthur	present
Rochelle Bell	present
Eric Williams	present

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

#### **Open Forum:**

#### **Old Business**

##### **A. Welcome Guests from BCSD**

The SOC welcomed Laura T and Kateri B (students), Jenny V and Doug A (faculty) from the BCSD.

##### **B. Recycling Update**

Steve K and Erinn R met with Parks and Rec, talked about education and communicating. In the past, the recycling effort was implemented with large blue receptacles and was not successful due to cross contamination.

At the school, there is a lot of cross contamination even with the circle opening in the receptacle lid for bottles and the placement of a trash receptacle adjacent to the recyclable bin. The main goal at the BCSD recycling club is to recycle bottles and cans. Refundable and non-refundable are sorted. The de-contamination sorting is time consuming. The school recycling club advertises with signs, spring fests, videos, and



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t-shirts. A large decorated recycling collection enclosure located in the cafeteria rarely experiences cross contamination.

Large signs for trash or a message persuading people to follow their peers may be helpful to limit cross contamination.

The meeting was very positive with Parks and Rec. Steve K. will follow up with Matt after the holidays. Developing a uniform message on a sign through the parks may be beneficial.

The BCSD recycling club offered to do a brief presentation to Parks and Rec. Volunteers from the school may be able to assist in the triangle or parks. Students could model a program to address the cross contamination issue.

### **C. Stormwater/Monroe Ave Project**

The committee will be formerly announced at the next town meeting. Once the committee is formed work will begin on preparing the RFP.

### **D. BHS Parking Lot**

The BHS is planning to complete the project this summer. Doug noted that the project is on a limited budget. Some changes to the parking lot were implemented after the project was approved. DEC stormwater requirements substantially increased the cost of the project. If awarded the GIGP grant funding the proposed additional green infrastructure would be a swale in the center of the parking lot and permeable pavement in the back. Budget constraints make it difficult to implement everything. The project will be available by the end of February or early March and responses will be received in 4-6 weeks.

### **E. Alternative Wind Technologies**

Emily K, created an outline for the wind technology research after consulting with Steve K, Ron W, and Mike G. Sites will need to be examined in depth for turbines because a lack of wind can be problematic. Wind zone designation will be vital to turbine success. There are some smaller wind turbine applications that may work for lower wind speeds.

### **F. Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan**

Comments should be submitted by Monday 12/10. The file will be re-distributed via Dropbox because it is too large for email. The funding is only for design, the Town will have to apply for additional funding for construction. (GTC)



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### **G. Hybrid Vehicle Parking**

Hybrid vehicles are difficult to define. There are federal guidelines that could be implemented, however, it seems difficult to enforce. A sustainable parking area on the "honor" system could be explored. The idea would require a letter and representation at Public Works.

### **H. STAR Rating System**

STAR is still in the Beta phase. It is free to browse that will allow the use some analysis tools. Technical support is not available unless we enroll in a paid membership. There may be a financial commitment to be designated as a STAR community. We could apply some of the STAR tools and education to topics that we are currently working on and align SOC goals with STAR.

### **I. Leaf Pickup**

The vacuum leaf truck did not make it into this year's budget. Mike G will distribute the report to SOC members. The cost analysis for the leaf study may not have been presented clearly, and need to be reworked. The implementation of a leaf vacuum truck would be cost effective.

### **J. Development Updates**

Development Updates were provided by Mike Guyon.

### **New Business:**

#### **A. Incentive Zoning**

Mike G has written a letter for incentive zoning that he will distribute to the group and collect comments.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 in the Stage Conference Room at 7:00 PM to 8:30 pm at Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Eric Mineker