



# *Town of Brighton*

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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## ***Sustainability Oversight Committee September 11, 2013***

### ***Minutes***

**Attendance:** Paul Tankel, Rochelle Bell, Shubhangi Gandhi, Ron Wexler, Steve Kittelberger. Eric Williams

**Open Forum:** Ron, Paul, and Rochelle attended Greentopia. The Finger Lakes Regional Sustainability Plan was presented and the concept of “Story of Place” was introduced by the Regenesi Group. The Story of Place™ is a systematic and participatory process that identifies and honors the unique nature of a region and the people who live there.

The SOC intends to use the beginning of the October meeting to discuss the idea of The Story of Place™ and the use of the Star Community Rating system during the Comprehensive Plan update. An outline of the Star Community Rating system was previously emailed to the committee members.

The committee members will research information regarding The Story of Place™ and discuss their ideas at the October meeting.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the July 10, 2013 SOC meeting were approved without revision.

### **Announcements:**

#### **Old Business**

- CIP Budget Review
  - Mike G. discuss the attendance of the SOC at the Town Board Budget meeting  
The budget can be found at the following web site address  
<http://www.townofbrighton.org/index.aspx?NID=233>
  - A formal public hearing for the budget will be held at the October 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meetings
  
- Star Community Rating System – The system is in its infancy and is experiencing increased acceptance. Nine items within the rating system must be modified based on the initial feedback from participating communities. The framework of the rating system appears adequate but the details are a work in progress. The framework includes eight categories. These eight categories could assist during the Comprehensive Plan update.



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- Town Energy Consumption
  - Ron Wexler felt that the Facility Dude software should be evaluated further and that it might be a viable method to evaluate the Town's energy use. Mike G. is also exploring whether BCS now known as SmartEdge has a similar software and capability. SmartEdge installed the HVAC control system at the Town Hall Facility.
  - During the spring 2013 Erinn R. contacted the Brighton High School regarding the use of students to compile energy data from the Town. A progress status should be provided.
- Stormwater/Monroe Ave GIGP Project The Story of Place™ technique could be used to communicate the Monroe Avenue project to the residents and businesses along the Avenue.
- Development Updates
  - Winfield Park, DEIS
  - University of Rochester, GDEIS
  - Clinton Crossings, DEIS

**New Business** Mark Lynch from Iberdola discussed lighting and future opportunities to improve existing facilities. Town should contact Mark Lynch to discuss improvements to the Town lighting system

### **Adjournment**

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be October 2, 2013 at 7:00 PM.