



Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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Sustainability Oversight Committee June 11, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Paul Tankel, Ron Wexler, Shubhangi Gandhi, Stephen Kittelberger, Rochelle Bell, Erin Ryan, Eric Williams, Mike Guyon, Evert Garcia, Margaret Peet, (Color Brighton Green)

Minutes: The May 7, 2014 meeting minutes were approved.

Open Forum: Margaret Peet, (Color Brighton Green)

Climate Smart Community

- Margy Peet led a discussion regarding Climate Smart Community. Ms. Peet is a member of Color Brighton Green. Color Brighton Green is very supportive of the Climate Smart Community program and encourages the SOC to promote the Climate Smart Community pledge. Ms. Peet indicated that Color Brighton Green would assist the Town in meeting its Climate Smart Community goals. Ms. Peet indicated that the effort put forth by many communities to become a Climate Smart Community stalls because there is no coordinator to champion the cause. Color Brighton Green could take on the role of informing and inspiring the public.
- Paul T. explained the role of the SOC and the committee discussed their role in implementing the Climate Smart Community Pledge. The Town of Brighton Town Board has indicated that they will be looking for The SOC to develop practices consistent with the pledge goals and provide direction and advice to the Town Board.
- Margy Peet provided a contact at NYSERDA who is assisting Towns implement the Climate Smart Community pledge.
- Rochelle asked if there is a person at the Town who had been designated to oversee the implementation of the Climate Smart Pledge. At present no one has been designated to perform this duty.
- SOC suggested contacting NYSERDA to inquire if they would provide direction regarding the implementation of the Climate Smart Community Pledge.
- Mike G. will reach out to NYSERDA and ask if they would be willing to meet and provide guidance regarding the Climate Smart Community Pledge .

Announcements: There were no announcements.

Old Business

- Steve K. suggested that a tour of the Park recycling facilities be scheduled with Matt Beeman. Steve K. will report back to SOC following the tour.



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- SOC goals
 - The SOC reviewed its 2014 goals.
 - Lighten study- RGE may be considering infrastructure and energy saving improvements.
 - Energy consumption program- SOC will continue to investigate the use of the facility dude software.
 - Electric Car Charger Station – The Town is requiring that individuals using the Electric Car Charging Station be charged a fee. Charging stations capable of collecting a fee are generally more expensive. The estimated cost assuming that Town forces will install the device is between 10k or 15k.
 - CIP template- The Town has just begun its review of the Capital Improvement Program. The SOC is investigating a means to demonstrate the financial benefit of sustainable technologies. The information will be presented to the CIP committee and Town Board. SOC wants to investigate sustainable CIP items that are easily compared to a less sustainable purchase such as vehicles. The purchase of vehicles should include a review of electric vehicles. Their financial benefit will be improved if they are listed on the state contract.
 - Active transportation - The Town is pursuing 3 active transportation projects; Farash property shared use trail, Highland Crossing trail and the Bicycle Blvd.
 - Mike G. submitted Transportation Alternative Program grant application. The Town should be notified regarding the funding by October 2014.
 - Mike G. will prepare a letter to the NYSDOT requesting that new projects along Monroe Avenue consider a road diet from Highland Ave. to 12 corners. The NYSDOT indicated that the high traffic volumes preclude a road diet along Monroe Avenue from 12 corners to Clover St.
- U of R south campus
 - The Town received comments back from U of R regarding SDGIS. Mike G. will distribute to SOC when the document is public.
- Carbon Benefit
 - Ron explained how Boulder CO calculates the fee on carbon benefit. Boulder worked cooperatively with the utility company to derive the appropriate fees. Mike G. expressed concern that town residents would perceive this arrangement as a new tax. Ron W. indicated that Brighton would not benefit from electric reduction because most of our electricity is produced by Ginna



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and/or hydroelectric. Ron asked if the SOC wants to discuss a revenue stream generated by a carbon benefit analysis. Paul T. suggested discussing this issue with a NYSEDA consultant and exploring how other communities have addressed revenue stream.

Adjournment

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be July 2, 2014.

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