



Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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Sustainability Oversight Committee

December 15, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: The meeting was held in the Downstairs Meeting Room at the Brighton Town Hall and began at 7:00 PM.

Karen Berger, Chairperson	present
Paul Tankel, Vice Chairperson	present
Stephen Kittelberger	present
Erinn Ryen	absent
Peter Debraal	absent
Paul Gardner	absent
Ronald Wexler	present

I. Minutes: The draft October 27th meeting minutes were approved without modifications.

II. Open Forum: none

III. Announcements: The Town of Brighton received the following grants:

- AWQIP grant in the amount of approximately \$45,000 for the Operations Center Stormwater Improvements which includes the construction of two bioretention swales and a 1000 square foot rain garden.
- A Green Infrastructure grant in the amount of approximately \$22,000 for Buckland Creek Restoration. The project includes restoration of 350 feet of Buckland Creek on the Twelve Corners Brighton School District Campus
- A Green Infrastructure grant in the amount of approximately \$22,000 for Monroe Avenue tree lawn filters. The project includes the installation of a vegetated biofilter along a 300 foot section of Monroe Ave.
- Karen B. introduced Tom Low as the Energy Management Consultant. The committee discussed the role of the Energy Management Consultant. The role is defined by the NYSERDA grant, attached to these minutes and includes:
 - Facilitate the SOC.
 - Investigate methods to maximize the energy efficiency of Town Facilities.
 - Establish guidelines for sustainable development
 - Evaluate the purchase of the neighborhood lighting facilities.

The SOC discussed the selection of the lighting fixtures with the Energy Management Consultant. This discussion concluded; the lighting fixtures should consider the Dark Sky



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requirements, NYSERDA & NYPA funding should be investigated, and the new lighting improvements must consider the historic nature of the existing fixtures.

The Energy Management Consultant will collaborate with Committee members to develop solar, wind and geothermal code amendments. Solar energy code amendments will be developed this winter followed by wind amendments in the spring 2011 followed by geothermal amendments.

Tom Low provided the following contact information: (email correspondence is preferred)

Home Phone – 392-5546

Cell Phone – 260-2264

Email - tlow@armstrong-low.com

Steve K. discussed his research regarding wind energy and the three code perspectives:

- i. Discourage all wind energy
- ii. Encourage all wind energy
- iii. Combination of the first two perspectives.

Steve will continue to research wind energy. Tom L. suggested reviewing the Town of Ithaca wind energy code.

IV. Old Business

- Project Protocol - The SOC initiatives should be formally presented to Supervisor Frankel.
- Web Site – Announce in the Newsletter
- Best Management Practices – Erinn and Paul to meet with Kevin Hall before next SOC meeting. SOC hopes to meet with FASC in late January or early February to present the Best Management Practices.
- Planning Principles – Tom L. Ramsey B., Mike G., and Paul T. to meet prior to February SOC meeting to discuss Planning Principles. This discussion will include development of a checklist for homeowner and/or developer and possible codification of planning principles.
- Capital Improvement Plan – No new discussion.
- Development Update – Mike G. reviewed the development projects currently under consideration.
 - City Gate – No new progress
 - Winfield Park – This project is located on Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road on a 130± acre parcel which is adjacent to the Canal View Office Park project. The project consists of single family detached homes, multi-family attached homes and office



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buildings. The project is requesting Incentive Zoning and has been presented as a concept plan to the Planning Board.

- Clinton Crossings Corporate Center – No new progress
- The Reserve –The applicant appeared before the Planning Board. The Town received the applicant's response to the SOC comments. The applicant's response is attached for your reference. The Planning Board remains concerned regarding the impact to Meridian Park and they are currently requesting changes to the project layout to mitigate this impact.
- Faith Village – A draft of the findings statement has been prepared. The applicant is presently reviewing the Findings Statement. The SOC will review the project as part of the site plan review process.
- St. Johns Meadows – The applicant has submitted final plans for signature and anticipates starting construction in January 2011.

Parking Lot –

The Parking Lot should include alternate transportation issues. These issues should include bicycling and mass transit options. Representatives of the University of Rochester and Rochester Institute of Technology are anxious to discuss bicycling transportation alternatives.

Karen B. prioritized the Parking Lot items based on input from the SOC members. A copy of this prioritized parking lot is attached for reference.

V. New Business

VI. Action Items:

- Mike G. will forward the applicant's response to the SOC Comments regarding the Reserve Subdivision.
- Mike G. will forward Parking Lot list including priority ranking.
- Mike G. will forward year end report to SOC members for review and comment.
- Erinn R. and Paul G. will meet with Kevin Hall to discuss the sustainable alternatives associated with building maintenance and renovation.
- Tom L. Ramsey B., Mike G., and Paul T. to meet prior to February SOC meeting to discuss Planning Principals.



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VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Next meeting will be held on February 2, 2011 in the Stage Conference Room at 7:00 PM to 8:30 pm at Town Hall.

The Following Meeting Schedule was adopted:

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, February 02, 2011	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Stage Conference Room
Wednesday, March 02, 2011	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Stage Conference Room
Wednesday, April 06, 2011	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Stage Conference Room
Wednesday, May 04, 2011	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Stage Conference Room
Wednesday, June 01, 2011	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Stage Conference Room

VIII. SOC Committee “Parking Lot”

- Develop guidelines for environmental review of new development.
- Develop and advocate for policy requiring municipal projects to follow LEED guidelines.
- Develop a list of environmental best practices and share with Town Staff and other interested parties.
- Provide support and oversight to the Energy Manager on efficient operation of Town buildings. This may include development of or review of an annual energy report.
- Evaluate the annual Capital Improvement Plan to identify opportunities for sustainable purchases, including vehicles.
- Encourage the Highway Department to investigate methods to improve the efficient use of Town vehicles particularly large construction vehicles.
- Monitor negotiations between the Town and RG&E regarding the purchase of street lamps.
- Develop a list of green technologies to be posted on the website.
- Provide input to the Comprehensive Plan update.
- Work cooperatively with Color Brighton Green to communicate Town initiatives and educate the public regarding sustainability issues.
- Continue investigating new lighting technologies and evaluate improvements to existing lighting alternatives.



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- Work with the Parks and Recreation Department regarding recycling containers in the Parks.
- Develop subcommittees to work on such issues as (1) a list of technical resources for citizens; (2) updates in lighting technology; and (3) funding opportunities.
- Reach out to businesses or the Chamber of Commerce on ways to support bicycling.
- Reach out to the Brighton Central School District to support green efforts in the schools.
- Develop a wind energy policy.
- Develop a solar energy policy.
- The Town of Brighton should investigate the use of a vacuum truck to collect leaves and yard debris.
- Install recycling bins throughout the Town and expand recycling efforts in the Town of Brighton.
- Identify ways to support bicycling and other forms of active transportation within the Brighton community.
- Promote increased use of mass transportation.

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Minutes submitted by: Michael E.Guyon