



Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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Sustainability Oversight Committee

February 2, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: The meeting was held in the Downstairs Meeting Room at the Brighton Town Hall and began at 7:08 PM.

Karen Berger, Chairperson	present
Paul Tankel, Vice Chairperson	present
Stephen Kittelberger	present
Erinn Ryen	present
Peter Debraal	present
Paul Gardner	present
Ronald Wexler	present
Michael Guyon, PE	present
Ramsey Boehner	present
Thomas Low	present

I. **Minutes:** The draft December 15th meeting minutes were approved without modifications.

II. **Open Forum:** none

III. **Announcements:**

Karen Berger announced that a seminar on “Active Transportation” will be held in Rochester on April 27th at the Downtown Radisson Hotel on April 27, 2011, organized by the Rochester Cycling Alliance (RCA) and sponsored by the Genesee Transportation Council and the Rochester Community Foundation. Keynote speakers at the event will include Dave Cieslewicz, Mayor of Madison, Wisconsin, and Andy Clark, President of the National League of American Bicyclists. She e-mailed details.

IV. **Old Business**

- Planning Principles – Paul Tankel briefed the Committee on his meeting with Tom Low, Ramsey Boehner and Mike Guyon on Jan. 12th to discuss development of a checklist for homeowners and/or developers and possible codification of planning principles.

The Committee was comfortable with the ‘checklist’, as described. Paul Tankel will forward to Ramsey Boehner for a final look.



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Tom Low distributed his template for the analysis of sustainable planning principles (generally as represented in the LEED 2009 for New Construction manual's "Sustainable Sites" chapters) and their application to the Town Code. As Mr. Tankel explained, the object is not to require full, blanket LEED compliance, but instead to explore what pieces – what "best practices" – can be incorporated in the Code in the short and middle terms. The Committee accepted the template. When completed, the analysis will be reviewed with the Committee.

V. New Business

- Sustainable Renovations at Town Hall:

Paul Gardner reported that he, Erinn Ryen, Peter Debraal and Mike Guyon met with Kevin Hall, the maintenance mechanic for Town Hall. Mr. Hall was receptive to the concept, and asked for direction/information on what products and practices to consider in maintaining the Town Hall campus. Mr. Debraal offered to develop a list to cover work with paints, carpet (and carpet glues), ceiling tiles, windows and roofing.

- Solar Energy Regulations:

Ramsey Boehner reviewed the first draft of new regulations to allow solar energy systems as accessory uses in all zoning districts. He was careful to point out that this draft would exclude such installations from review by the Architectural Review Board.

The Committee's comments and questions included (a) whether ground-mounted systems should be allowed in side yards, (b) whether the maximum size permitted of such systems in residential districts should be reduced, and (c) whether the size should be tied to a maximum per building or per lot.

Mr. Boehner did not seek a formal recommendation from the Committee, desiring to return with final draft. The Committee was, however, generally supportive of the work to date.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

VII. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on March 2, 2011 in the Stage Conference Room at 7:00 PM to 8:30 pm at Town Hall.



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The future meeting schedule is as follows:

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

Minutes submitted by: Thomas Low