



Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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Sustainability Oversight Committee

March 2, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: The meeting was held in the Downstairs Meeting Room at the Brighton Town Hall and began at 7:07 PM.

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

I. Minutes: The draft February 2nd meeting minutes were approved without modifications.

II. Open Forum: none

III. Announcements:

Karen Berger has been advised by officials at Monroe County that all plastics will be accepted for recycling within 2-3 months.

Mike Guyon informed us that the Committee's letter to the Supervisor, setting out initiatives for review and dated January 19, 2011, will be reviewed at the Public Works Committee meeting of March 6th.

Erinn Ryen alerted the Committee announced that a seminar on energy will be held in Syracuse on April 8th. She will forward details.

Mike Guyon provided the username and passwords for the ICLEI website



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IV. Old Business

- Sustainable Renovations at Town Hall:

Mr. Debraal had offered to develop a list to cover work with paints, carpet (and carpet glues), ceiling tiles, windows and roofing. He was not present for the meeting, but has since advised me that he is making progress. He hopes to present a draft at the next meeting. Planning Principles:

Paul Tankel and Tom Low briefed the Committee on the preparation and initial review 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.

Tom Low distributed a preliminary list of possible changes needed to fully implement these principles. He asked that members think about the relative importance of the issues covered, and to select their top 3 or 4 issues. These views will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting. Obviously, the determination of priorities will also require assessments of (a) the completeness of Low's analysis, (b) how big a change is called for, and (c) what it will take to publicly consider those changes. At that meeting, staff hope to be able also to provide those assessments.

- Development update:

Mike Guyon provided the attached summary.

- Solar energy regulations

Paul Tankel inquired about progress. Tom Low replied that Mr. Boehner had briefed the Architecture Review Board, and faced sharp questions. He and Mr. Boehner are reviewing some standards that may reasonably be applied to control aesthetic impacts.

IV. New Business

- Residential street lighting

Tom Low briefed the Committee on a potential project to acquire the street lighting system from RG&E, to preserve the existing poles and harps and to install new, more energy-efficient fixtures. He found that energy consumption can be significantly reduced, and with it the carbon generated and the costs to operate and maintain a new system. However, the costs to acquire and (especially) to rehabilitate the system would be significant. For this reason, the project cannot pay for itself.

Considerable discussion followed. The Committee concluded by recommending that significant cost sharing by RG&E and/or NYSERDA be pursued. Grant opportunities at NYSERDA and NWPA should be pursued.

Low's summary report is attached.



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- Ideas for WWF Earth Hour

Karen Berger briefed the Committee on the March 26th event, and asked members to quickly reply with any suggestions on a local way to supplement the event. Ideas should be forwarded to Mike Guyon.

- Town-wide refuse district(s)

Steve Kittleberger asked that this be added to the “parking lot”. Approximately 2/3 of the Town is not in a refuse district, and the balance should be considered for inclusion in one or more new districts. Karen Berger suggested that the entire “parking lot” be reviewed at the next meeting.

V. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

VI. **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on April 6, 2011 in the Stage Conference Room at 7:00 PM to 8:30 pm at Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Thomas Low