



# *Town of Brighton*

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SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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## **Sustainability Oversight Committee**

**June 1, 2011**

### **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
Michael Guyon, PE	present
Thomas Low	present

- I. **Minutes:** The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of 4/6 meeting.
- II. **Open Forum:** None
- III. **Announcements:** Karen Berger announced that the Color Brighton Green Energy Fair would be held on June 12<sup>th</sup>. That afternoon there will also be an opportunity to recycle electronics.
- IV. **New Business**
  - A. Research on energy savings and carbon emission reductions from Town-wide refuse district(s)



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K. Berger introduce her intern, Ulrich Soderstrom. Ulrich calculated that reducing the number of refuse and recycling trucks, e.g., by creating a refuse district or districts in the 50% of the Town not now in such a district, would annually save some 55,000 # of carbon

emissions and 2,500 gallons of fuel. Karen will draft a letter to the Supervisor to note these potential benefits and to recommend consideration of district formation by the Board.

#### B. Revolving loan fund

The Committee briefly discussed the idea of a revolving loan fund to finance residential energy efficiency projects. The Town of Babylon may offer a model.

### V. Old Business

#### A. Sustainable renovations for Town Hall

Mike Guyon will press Kevin Hall to identify the paint and carpet products he uses. Mike will provide that information to P. DeBraal, who can then complete his guidelines.

#### B. Planning Principles

The Committee continued discussion of the relative impact and importance of possible changes, in particular those noted as “for further investigation”. The results are presented in the attached, revised recommendations. These will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

#### C. Development Update(s) – Mike Guyon provided the attached.

#### D. Recycling in the parks

Karen Berger described a plan of action to encourage the collection of recyclables in Meridian Centre and Buckland Parks (to begin with). Petitions will be circulated at the Farmer’s Market and at games. Karen will inquire with the Town of Penfield.

#### E. Solar Energy Installations

Low reviewed the latest draft with the Committee. This draft provides the Architectural Review Board with review authority, and provides guidelines. This draft also would allow ground-mounted units only in the rear yard.

The Committee approved the latest draft, but with the following comments:

- That the proposed guidelines should be reviewed with an installer for constructability;



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- That a closer look be taken at the preference given to one array vs. multiple arrays on a roof; and,
- That the level of review required by non-residential installations be clarified (line 63).

**VI. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM

**VII. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on July 19th, 2011 in the Stage Conference Room at 7:00 PM to 8:30 pm at Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Thomas Low