



Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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Sustainability Oversight Committee July 19, 2011

Minutes

Attendance: The meeting was held in the Stage Conference Room at the Brighton Town Hall and began at 7:05 PM.

Karen Berger, Chairperson	present
Paul Tankel, Vice Chairperson	present
Stephen Kittelberger	present
Erinn Ryen	present
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 6.1 meeting.
- II. **Open Forum:** None
- III. **Announcements:**

Paul Tankel announced that:

1. There will be a conference on outdoor lighting in Troy, NY in October. Details to follow by e-mail.
2. He has learned of a “green schools initiative”, which may be relevant to the operations of the Brighton CSD. The Committee discussed how to approach the Superintendent, and



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decided that Ron W. would contact the superintendent and discuss the use of sustainable principles in the school district.

3. The Committee should consider a presentation on its efforts to the Center for Excellence of SUNY ESF. He will monitor the opportunities.

Mike Guyon announced that the Town Board recently based a resolution in regards hydrofracking. He will circulate a copy.

IV. New Business:

- A. Green Infrastructure:** Mike Guyon made a summary presentation of the new, State stormwater regulations (effective March, 2011). These regulations largely reflect the best practices as identified in LEED. The new regulations require limits on stormwater volumes, not just discharge rates. Further, they incorporate green infrastructure measures such as infiltration and rain gardens.
- B. Noise regulations,** esp. leaf blowers and other power equipment. The Committee directed Low to benchmark some other communities.

V. Old Business :

- A. Sustainable renovations for Town Hall**
 1. Mike Guyon has provided information on paint and carpet products in use in Town Hall to P. DeBaal, who can then complete his guidelines.
- B. Planning Principles**
 1. The Committee completed discussions of the relative impact and importance of possible changes. Priorities were set amongst these changes, and are reflected in the attached, revised recommendations. Low was directed to draft letters from the Committee to the Supervisor, to convey the Committee's priorities for code amendments and for amendments to the incentive zoning ordinance.
- C. Development Update(s) – Mike Guyon provided the attached.**
- D. Recycling in the parks**
 1. The Committee reviewed and approved Karen Berger's draft letter to the Supervisor. The letter will be revised to reflect the recommendation that the provision of recycling bins in Meridian Centre and Buckland Parks would be the first phase of an effort which should involve all public spaces.



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E. Solar Energy Installations

1. Low reviewed the latest draft with the Committee. This draft provides the Architectural Review Board with review authority, and provides guidelines. The proposed guidelines were reviewed with an installer for constructability. At the Committee's suggestion, the preference, given to one array vs. multiple arrays on a roof, was weakened. The Committee approved the draft. Low hopes to present it to the Public Works Committee at their August 1st meeting.

F. Revolving loan fund

1. The Committee previously discussed the idea of a revolving loan fund to finance residential energy efficiency projects. The Town of Babylon seemed to offer a model, but Paul Tankel reported (based upon discussions in the USGBC) that legal objections have been raised. Paul will continue to monitor.

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

VI. **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on August 24th, 2011 in the Stage Conference Room at 7:00 PM to 8:30 pm at Town Hall.

Further meetings are scheduled for September 14th, and monthly thereafter.

Minutes submitted by: Thomas Low