



# *Town of Brighton*

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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## **Sustainability Oversight Committee August 24, 2011**

### **Minutes**

**Attendance:** The meeting was held in the Stage Conference Room at the Brighton Town Hall and began at 7:00 PM.

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

- I. **Minutes:** The minutes were revised to reflect that Ron W. would contact the Brighton School Superintendent and discussed the use of sustainable principles within the school district. The 7/19/11 SOC minutes were approved as revised.
- II. **Open Forum:** None
- III. **Announcements:** Karen Berger announced that she will be stepping down as the SOC chairman and Paul T. will assume the role of SOC Interim Chairman.

The committee discussed potential new SOC members and the qualifications which should be considered. The committee discussed the need to have the new member be associated with the University. Karen B. suggested that if the committee needed help completing some of its tasks that the committee should contact Karen regarding the use of University of Rochester students.



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The committee members suggested contacting Rome Celli and investigate if he is interested in becoming a SOC member. The Committee also suggested seeking an Environmental Attorney to serve as an SOC member.

Committee members should attend all meetings.

The SOC discussed the ESF conference on September 26, 2011 and decided due to lack of preparation time it is not practical to prepare a presentation. However, a member of the SOC should attend this conference if possible.

The SOC supports higher density and mixed use development in a tradeoff for preserving open space.

#### **IV. New Business:**

- A. **Farmers Market:** Currently the Farmers Market receives little financial support from the Town. The supervisor suggested that the SOC provide a letter in support of the Farmers Market and Community Gardens. This letter should be submitted to the Town Board for consideration.

The SOC approved sending a letter to the Town Board regarding support for the Farmer's Market and Community Garden. Karen B. will prepare and submit the letter to the Town Board.

- B. **School District:** Ron W. spoke to the Brighton High School Superintendent regarding green buildings and indicated that the SOC was interested in assisting the school with sustainable education and promoting sustainable principles within the School District. The Superintendent indicated that Gary Valenti has jurisdiction in this matter and indicated that the School would be willing to work with the SOC. However, Ron did not feel that the school was receptive of the SOC's offer of assistance.

The SOC may wish to focus on individual schools within the Brighton School District regarding the issue of sustainability. Ron W. will contact Rob Thomas and discuss the possibility of the SOC introducing sustainable principles. Prior to this meeting the SOC must develop a focused agenda for discussion.

Diana Brantley is promoting a green schools initiative. Ron W will contact Diane to develop discussion topics.

- C. **Refuse Districts:** Tom L. should investigate the consolidation of the Town of Brighton Refuse districts. The SOC should prepare a letter and submit this letter to the supervisor requesting that Tom Low as the Energy Manager investigate



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the consolidation of the refuse districts. The letter should also request an opportunity to present this information to the Public Works committee.

Mike G will meet with Tom L and discuss which items can be completed under his existing contract and which items will require additional funding.

### **V. Old Business :**

**A. Development Update(s)** – Mike Guyon provided the attached.

**B. Recycling in the parks**

1. Tom L. should reach out to the Town of Penfield regarding their recycling in the Parks and investigate other communities that provide recycling in their Parks.

**C. Solar Energy Installations**

1. Mike G will provide a time frame for adoption of the solar panel ordinance. Public Works approved forwarding the plan to the Town Board. *The ordinance will be received and filed by the Town Board at their September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Town Board must set and hold a Public Hearing regarding the ordinance and approve the ordinance.*

**D. Revolving loan fund**

1. Tom Low should investigate the use of a revolving loan fund that would be used to encourage sustainable projects in the Town of Brighton. The fund would be administered by the Town of Brighton.

**V. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

### **VI. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on September 14, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Backstage Conference Room. The terms of the members should be reviewed at this meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Michael Guyon