



# *Town of Brighton*

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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## ***Sustainability Oversight Committee September 14, 2011***

### ***Minutes***

**Attendance:** The meeting was held in the Stage Conference Room at the Brighton Town Hall and began at 7:02 PM.

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

- I. **Minutes:** The Committee reviewed and approved, without revision, the minutes of 8.24 meeting.
- II. **Open Forum:** None
- III. **Announcements:** None
- IV. **New Business**
  - A. Possible revolving loan fund for sustainable improvements

The Committee had a general discussion of the Property Assessed Clean Energy (“PACE”) program, under which residential and commercial projects could be financed through taxes levied by the Town. The Committee directed Low to research and to report.



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#### B. SOC presentation to the Town Board

Chairman Tankel proposed that the Committee make a presentation to the new Town Board. The annual report may provide a framework, from which the Committee could brief the Board on our current projects and general duties.

#### C. Membership

The Committee discussed the need to secure a new member (to replace K. Berger), to obtain formal approval of the new Chairman and to seek re-appointment of existing members. The resume of a James Nankes was circulated. An advertisement will be placed by Mr. Clapp, the Communications Director, for the purpose. Low has since learned that the terms of all members expire 12/31/11, and would urge that those members who wish to continue to serve notify the Supervisor by letter or by e-mail.

#### D. 2012-2014 Capital Improvement Program

M. Guyon distributed for review. He asks that comments be returned to him.

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

#### A. Sustainable renovations for Town Hall

P. DeBral has completed his draft, and will circulate to the Committee in the week of 9/19.

#### B. Status of letters to the Supervisor (M. Guyon)

1. Incentive zoning- to be received by the Town Board 9/28.
2. Code amendments- to be received by the Town Board 9/28.
3. Refuse district(s) - received by the Town Board 9/14.

#### C. Recycling in the parks

Chairman Tankel reported on his conversation with John Steinbrenner of the Parks Advisory Committee. Steinbrenner is supportive of the effort to make recycling available in the parks, and asks for the Committee's help in:



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1. Identifying a bin that is properly labeled and properly configured so as to minimize contamination;
2. Educating the public as to the need and opportunity; and,
3. Attending the meeting of the Parks with the sports leagues in February.

#### **D. Solar energy regulations**

The draft earlier presented to the Committee has been approved by the Public Works Committee and is to be received by the Town Board 9/28. The Board will then set a public hearing. The Committee should consider sending a representative to that hearing.

#### **E. Status of letter of support for the Farmer's Market and Community Garden**

M. Guyon advised that the letter was received by the Board at their 9/14 meeting.

#### **F. Follow-up with the Brighton Schools (R. Wexler)**

R. Wexler was to meet with Diane Branley, on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Will discuss at the next meeting.

#### **G. Development Update(s)**

See attached

### **VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM**

### **VII. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on October 5th in the Stage Conference Room at 7:00 PM to 8:30 pm at Town Hall.

Further meetings are scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 7th.

Minutes submitted by: Thomas Low