



# *Town of Brighton*

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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## **Sustainability Oversight Committee October 5, 2011**

### **Minutes**

**Attendance:** The meeting was held in the Stage Conference Room at the Brighton Town Hall and began at 6:12 PM.

Paul Tankel, 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, without revision, the minutes of 9.14 meeting.
- II. **Open Forum:** None
- III. **Announcements:**  
  
Steve Kittleberger noted that a meeting had been scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> to begin review of an ordinance to allow small wind energy systems.
- IV. **Old Business**

#### A. Membership

Mr. Tankel advised the Committee that he had received formal approval as the new Chairman.



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The other members present have e-mailed to the Supervisor, to express their interest in re-appointment.

An advertisement was placed by Mr. Clapp, the Communications Director, for the open seat. Mr. Tankel asked Mr. Guyon to convey to the Supervisor his desire to review the resumes of the applicants.

#### 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. This will be further discussed at the December meeting.

#### C. Possible revolving loan fund for sustainable improvements

The Committee reviewed Low's report on a possible Property Assessed Clean Energy ("PACE") program, under which residential and commercial projects could be financed through taxes levied by the Town on the benefitted properties. There are legal obstacles at the state and national level, but they may be removed by pending legislation. The Committee also noted the heavy administrative burden that such a program may bring.

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

The Committee briefly discussed the letter recently submitted to the Town Board. M. Guyon noted that the letter was received and reviewed by the Finance Committee at their 10.5 meeting.

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

Incentive zoning- received by the Town Board 9/28.

Code amendments- received by the Town Board 9/28.

Refuse district(s) - received by the Town Board 9/14.

#### F. Development Update

The Committee asked Mr. Guyon to put all pending site plan applications onto his table, to be regularly shared with the Committee.



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

R. Wexler met with Diane Brandli, representing the US Green Building Council's Schools Initiative, on the 16<sup>th</sup> about incorporating sustainability in both curriculum and operations. He tried to reach Mr. Alaimo, the deputy Superintendent, without success. He will focus now on trying to connect with teachers at the middle and high school, especially those with the environmental clubs.

### **V. New Business :**

None

VI. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM

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

The next meeting will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Stage Conference Room at 7:00 PM to 8:30 pm at Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Thomas Low