



Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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Sustainability Oversight Committee November 2, 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	absent
Paul Gardner	present
Ronald Wexler	present
Michael Guyon, PE	joined at 8:30
Thomas Low	present
Ramsey Boehner	present
Eric Meneker	present

- I. **Minutes:** The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of 10.5 meeting, with the note that Mr. Gardner arrived at 7:15 PM
- II. **Open Forum:** Erinn Ryan informed the Committee that a group from Modin, Israel will be in town on the 14th. She will inform all members of the particular time.
- III. **Announcements:**

Ramsey Boehner noted that a workshop of the Town Board will be scheduled after the New Year, to discuss the proposed solar panel regulations.



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IV. Old Business

A. Membership

Of the other members present, only Mr. Gardner has not e-mailed the Supervisor, to express his interest in re-appointment.

Chairman Tankel will speak with Mr. DeBaal.

An advertisement was placed for the open seat. Four responded, and are being interviewed.

B. Development Update

The Committee reviewed Mr. Guyon's table.

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

R. Wexler is trying to connect with teachers and principals at the middle and high school, especially those with the environmental clubs.

D. Recycling in the parks (S. Kittleberger)

The matter will be taken up again at the December meeting. S. Kittleberger will contact J. Steinbrenner (chair of the Parks Committee) to obtain the date of the February meeting with the sports leagues.

V. New Business :

A. Reconnect Rochester

R. Wexler reported on his brief conversation with a representative of this group, which advocates for public transit in the region. The Committee asked R. Wexler to invite them to an upcoming meeting.

B. Draft Ordinance for Small Wind Energy Systems

Mr. Boehner presented the latest draft to the Committee. A lengthy discussion ensued, especially about the issues of noise and height. The Committee suggested that:

1. A minimum lot size be established for permissible systems on residential and commercial properties, perhaps of 5 acres.



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2. With such a minimum, greater heights (than the 35' proposed) may be desirable in residential zones.

3. Further research should be done on the number and height of building-mounted systems.

C. ICLEI membership renewal

The Committee was evenly divided on the value of this membership. P. Tankel has since provided some other free websites that offer research and information on sustainability, and asks that the members review them before the December meeting. The Committee can then recommend.

1. Sustainablecitiesinstitute.org
2. Sustainablecitiescollective.org
3. Cnu.org
4. Communitydesign.org
5. Micd.org

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM

VII. Next Meeting:

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

Minutes submitted by: Thomas Low