



Town of Brighton

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

SUSTAINABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SOC

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Sustainability Oversight Committee January 4, 2012

Minutes

Attendance: The meeting was held in the Stage Conference Room at the Brighton Town Hall and began at 7:01 PM.

Paul Tankel, Chairperson	present
Stephen Kittelberger	absent
Erinn Ryen	present
Peter Debraal	present
Paul Gardner	present
Ronald Wexler	present
Subanghi Gandhi	present
Michael Guyon, PE	present
Thomas Low	present
Ramsey Boehner	present
John Stinebrenner, Chmn., Parks Advisory Comm.	present

- I. **Minutes:** The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of 12.7.
- II. **Introduction:** The Committee met its newest member, Ms. Subanghi Gandhi
- III. **Open Forum:** none
- IV. **Announcements:** Chairman Tankel advised that the Committee's letter, in support of a moratorium on hydrofracking and dated 12.27, was presented to the Town Board on 12.28.



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IV. Old Business

A. Recycling in the parks

J. Steinbrenner stated the support of his Board for an expansion of recycling in the Town parks, said there was no big dollar issue involved and invited the Committee to a meeting with the sports leagues in February (date t/b/a).

He seemed to favor an approach would involve the placement of a recycling bin at the concessions stands in Meridian and Buckland only, with the bins to be used for the collection of containers only. He does see the value of educating the leagues, and of encouraging them to use their team members to police the fields and bring the containers to the bins.

B. Wind energy system regulations

R. Boehner and T. Low reviewed the latest draft, which had been revised to reflect the Committee's previous comments. Height limitations are now proposed to be raised to 120' (to make systems practical), but a large setback to residential zones and a minimum lot size has been added. The limit on the number of systems per lot has been removed. The Committee supports the presentation of the draft to the Public Works Committee for further review.

C. Sustainable renovations for Town Hall (P. DeBraal)

Mr. DeBraal reviewed his proposed guidelines, and the Committee offered (generally minor) comments. These will be incorporated in his final version, which can then be distributed to Town staff.

D. Year-end report preparation; presentation to Town Board

The Committee further reviewed the draft, originally prepared by T. Low and subsequently revised. M. Guyon will prepare and circulate a final draft, to include all the attachments.

V. New Business :

A. Exterior lighting regulations

Messrs. Boehner and Low reviewed the latest draft with the Committee. This draft has subsequently been shared by e-mail. The Committee had two initial concerns:



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(1) that there were no explicit standards for maximum lighting levels (though, as Mr. Boehner noted, the Planning Board has such powers), and (2) that the proposed maximum light spill to residential properties of .2 FC was too high.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM

VII. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on February 1st in the Stage Conference Room at 7:00 PM to 8:30 pm .

Minutes submitted by: Thomas Low