



Sustainability Oversight Committee

Secretary – Mike Guyon

Sustainability Oversight Committee **September 6, 2017**

Draft Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Paul Tankel, Margy Peet, Ron Wexler, Steve Kittelberger, Erinn Ryen, Mitch Nellis, Shubhangi Gandhi, Mike Guyon, Evert Garcia,

Minutes: The July 2017 and the August 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

Open Forum:

Announcements:

Old Business

- Citizen's Climate Lobby Presentation
 - Ron provided a brief overview of Robert Levine's presentation last month on the basics of a Carbon Fee and Dividend policy. A carbon fee and dividend policy is a national, revenue-neutral carbon fee-and-dividend system (CF&D) which would place a predictable, steadily rising price on carbon, with all fees collected minus administrative costs returned to households as a monthly energy dividend.
 - The SOC deliberated whether to bring this matter to the Supervisor and the Town Board's attention by drafting a letter of support. Ron indicated that he met with the Town Supervisor regarding this matter. The Supervisor inquired whether the Town as an entity also receives a dividend as part of the proposed CF&D policy. Ron will look into this inquiry and report back.
 - Members of the SOC pointed out that various examples on how to implement a CF&D system are available on the web. Ron indicated that he will compile a few examples and provide them to Town Staff for distribution to the rest of the SOC.
- Climate Action Plan
 - Town staff presented a proposed schedule for completing the Climate Action Plan. If all goes as scheduled, town staff is anticipating that the CAP can be presented to the Town Board for an approval vote by September of 2018.
 - The SOC discussed the importance of an Executive Summary for the Climate Action Plan. Zoe may have started working on an Executive Summary for the CAP. Town staff will confirm and distribute to the SOC if available.

- The SOC briefly discussed how best to present anticipated costs of implementing various suggestions mentioned in the CAP. Final comments should be submitted to Town Staff so that they may be integrated into the document prior to moving forward with the CAP.
- Following receipt of final comments, the next steps will be to present the CAP to the Town Supervisor and the Public Works Committee. Subsequent to that, town staff can initiate the process for hiring a consultant to finalize the document and present to the public for feedback.
- CCA
 - The Public Hearing for consideration of adopting a Community Choice Aggregation law is scheduled for September 13th at 7:00 PM.
- Development Update
 - The latest developments on projects within the Town were briefly discussed.

New Business

Adjournment

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be November 1, 2017 at 7:00 PM.