



# **Sustainability Oversight Committee**

Secretary – Mike Guyon

## **Sustainability Oversight Committee December 6, 2017**

### **Meeting Minutes**

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

**Minutes:** The November 2017 meeting minutes were approved with minor revisions.

### **Open Forum:**

### **Announcements:**

### **Old Business**

- Comprehensive Plan Update-Policy and Land Use Review
  - The SOC discussed the compiled list of comments which resulted from the latest review of the Comprehensive Plan Policy and Land Use documents. Some of items discussed at the meeting are included below:
    - The SOC felt that the comment regarding potential partners should be expanded upon. Additionally, there should be at least one potential partner included for each recommendation. The SOC came up with a list of potential partners at the meeting to include in the final draft of the comment letter.
    - The SOC discussed the EPOD and floodplain mapping which was previously provided by Town Staff. Members of the SOC generally agreed that the environmental mapping should be included as part of the Comprehensive Plan document. Additionally, the SOC feels that the Land Use recommendations should include a statement/discussion related to Floodplains, Wetlands and Environmental Overlay Districts.
    - The SOC would like to include a recommendation on making better use of the canal as a resource in the comprehensive plan documents.
  - Town Staff will incorporate the newest comments in a final draft of the review letter and then send off to the comprehensive plan committee.
- Climate Action Plan
  - Timeline

- Mike reviewed the anticipated completion timeline for the Climate Action Plan. Based on the proposed timeline, Town staff anticipates that the project will take about one year to complete and be presented to the Town Board for final consideration by January of 2019.
  - Google Doc Document
    - Draft versions of the CAP and the CAP Executive Summary are available as Google Doc documents on the shared SOC cloud drive. Committee members should provide final comments on the initial draft of these documents prior to them being introduced to the Town Board in January of 2018.
- CCA
  - The additional CCA law examples which were provided by Margy to the Town have been forwarded to the Town Attorney for review. Town staff will follow up on the status of this review.
- Farmer's Market Project
  - The initial construction bids received for the renovation of the Winter Farmer's Market Facility on Westfall Road were over budget. Town Staff is working with the consultant to reduce the scope of the project and request new construction bids for the project.
- Clean Energy Communities, Benchmarking Law
  - Town staff was recently made aware that NYSERDA funding for code enforcement training has been exhausted. The Town will continue to pursue Clean Energy Community status once more opportunities present themselves in this regard.
- East Avenue, NYS Rte. 96 Road Diet
  - The NYS DOT is looking to make improvements along East Avenue in Brighton and Pittsford from Highland Avenue to route 31F. The improvements include a road diet which reduces the four-lane road to two lanes with a center turn lane and wider shoulders which can accommodate cyclists.
  - At the meeting, the SOC inquired whether the Town would consider writing a letter to the NYS DOT requesting that they consider making the proposed travel lanes ten (10) feet wide to provide more room for cyclists along the shoulder. This matter will be discussed further at the next SOC meeting.
- Canal Embankment Cleaning
  - The SOC discussed drafting a letter to the Canal Corporation requesting that the proposed canal vegetation management project be re-evaluated for the environmental impacts it will have across the communities in which it is being implemented in.
  - The SOC would like the Canal Corporation to consider using selective clearing as opposed to the currently proposed clear cutting of vegetation along the canal banks. As part of the

letter, the SOC would like to recommend that native, non-invasive planting be used to restore the Canal banks upon completion of the clearing work. Town staff will draft a letter to this effect and subsequently distribute to the SOC for review and comment.

- 2018 SOC Schedule
  - The SOC reviewed and approved the proposed meeting schedule for the committee in 2018. Town staff will distribute the proposed meeting schedule to the committee members after the meeting.
- Development Update
  - The latest development projects within the Town were briefly discussed.

### **New Business**

### **Adjournment**

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be January 3, 2018 at 7:00 PM.