



Town of
Brighton

Sustainability Oversight
Committee

Secretary – Mike Guyon

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February 7, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Ron Wexler, Margy Peet, Erinn Ryen, Mitch Nellis, Robin Wilt, Mike Guyon, Evert Garcia

Minutes: The January 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

Open Forum:

Announcements:

Old Business

- Carbon Fee and Dividend
 - The SOC has previously discussed this topic but never determined if any action should be taken by the SOC regarding this matter.
 - Margy indicated that Color Brighton Green will proceed with writing a letter to the Town Board in support of this system.
 - 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 CF&D is being proposed and supported by the Citizen's Climate Lobby. The Citizen's Climate Lobby is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on the passage of a Carbon Fee and Dividend legislation in order to combat climate change.
 - The SOC indicated that more research and review on this matter is warranted prior to making a decision on how to proceed. The SOC will look into this matter further and discuss at the next SOC meeting.
 - Additionally, the SOC thought that it might be a good idea to bring back Rob Levine, a representative from the Citizen's Climate Lobby, to answer some questions on this matter. The SOC should send in question regarding this matter to Town Staff, which will in turn compile them and submit to Rob for clarification.
- Canal Embankment Clearing
 - This matter is currently in litigation. No other updates are available.

- Climate Energy Community
 - The Town will continue to pursue Clean Energy Community status once funding for this program becomes available again.
- Comprehensive Plan Committee
 - The next comprehensive plan committee meeting will be on February 23, 2018.
- Climate Action Plan
 - The SOC discussed various components of the Climate Action Plan (CAP). Among the topics of discussion were:
 - Public Messaging:
 - How is the SOC positioning the CAP? Does the SOC have a mission statement for the CAP? What is important to the Public? Ultimately, there needs to be a concise message from the plan.
 - The Public Messaging should specify the largest sources of emissions, both by Town and by Community.
 - There should be large, overall recommendations within the plan.
 - The messaging should explain why we are writing a Climate Action Plan.
 - The SOC needs to determine who our audience is. The intended audience will help shape the message.
 - The CAP message needs to include emissions reduction goals.
 - The document should position Brighton as a regional leader in Climate Action.
 - The document should motivate residents.
 - How can the document be written to better explain the differences between Town actions and actions by the Community at large?
 - The plan should include a section which quantifies anticipated cost savings based on recommendations being implemented.
 - RTS is currently going through a re-branding process, how do we get the Town involved with this process?
 - Where do folks travel to from Brighton? Can we get more residents to use Public Transportation?
 - Town Staff will review current usage of EV Charging Station.

- Town Staff will re-write the executive summary to incorporate the discussion from this evening and distribute to the SOC for review.
- Development Update
 - The latest development projects within the Town were briefly discussed.

New Business

Adjournment

Next Meeting

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