



# Sustainability Oversight Committee

Secretary – Mike Guyon

## **Sustainability Oversight Committee** **April 3, 2019**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Erinn Ryen, Shubhangi Gandhi, Sherman Gittens, Nate Gibbs, Mitch Nellis, Brian Lynch, Robin Wilt, Mike Guyon, Evert Garcia

**Minutes:** The March 2019 minutes were approved with no revisions.

#### **Announcements:**

#### **Old Business**

○ **Rod Bailey-The Bipartisan Climate Solution**

- Rod Bailey and Rob Levine of the Citizen's Climate Lobby (CCL) provided a brief presentation on the recently introduced U.S. House of Representatives carbon fee legislation, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (EICDA).
- Rod and Rob would like the SOC to recommend to the Brighton Town Board that they should endorse the legislation. CCL's goal is to have U.S. Representative Joe Morelle join the caucus which supports this bill.
- The SOC deliberated on the proposed EICDA legislation subsequent to CCL's presentation. The SOC indicated that they continue to support an equitable carbon fee legislation concept but do not necessarily endorse the EICDA as currently drafted. Members of the committee indicated that they would want to see a carbon fee mechanism which includes local government participation and a revised distribution of the collected monies.
- Town staff will provide the Town Board's 2018 carbon fee support resolution to the SOC for review. This matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

○ **Climate Action Plan RFP**

- The SOC briefly discussed the status of the CAP RFP funding. Funding originally slated for the CAP is not currently available due to the State's reduction in AIM funding.
- The committee briefly discussed how to proceed with the CAP if funding cannot be secured this year. Most of the committee indicated that the preference would be to have a consultant finalize the plan, as opposed to completing the plan internally. This matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

- **NYS DOT Scramble Response Letter**
  - The SOC indicated that they would like to send a follow-up letter to the NYS DOT requesting better crosswalk striping at the Twelve Corner intersection along with various other intersections along Monroe Avenue. Town staff is working on drafting a letter to send to the NYS DOT in this regard.
- **CSC Certification-Update**
  - The SOC is invited to attend a press conference at the Town Hall on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in which an announcement related to Climate Smart Community will occur. Town staff will send out more details to the committee via email.
- **Earth Day Event**
  - The SOC is invited to attend a tree planting event on April 27<sup>th</sup> for celebration of Arbor Day. Town staff will send out more details to the committee via email.
- **Annual Report**
  - Town staff has completed a draft annual report which concerns the activities and works of the committee for the previous year. The SOC will review and provide comments prior to submission of the report to the Town Board.
- **Development Update**
  - The latest development projects within the Town were briefly discussed.

**New Business**

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:**

- The next meeting will be May 1, 2019, at 7:00 PM.