



# Sustainability Oversight Committee

Secretary – Evert Garcia

Due to the public gathering restrictions and executive orders in place because of COVID-19, this Sustainability Oversight Committee meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom. Members of the public can participate during the open forum via Zoom. For Zoom meeting information, please reference the Town's Live Streaming webpage at:

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## **Sustainability Oversight Committee November 4, 2020**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Erinn Ryen, Mitch Nellis, Nate Gibbs, Paul Tankel, Shubhangi Gandhi, Steve Kittelberger, Robin Wilt, Evert Garcia

### **Open Forum:**

**Minutes:** The October 2020 meeting minutes were approved with minor revisions.

### **Announcements:**

### **New Business**

### **Old Business**

- **Zoom Policy- Update**
  - The Town is looking to memorialize zoom meeting procedures in a formal policy. The SOC meetings already follow most of the procedures which will be outlined in the policy.
- **Annual Report-Draft Review**
  - The committee reviewed a draft of the Annual Report at the meeting. Town staff will incorporate the comments discussed at the meeting into a final report before submitting the report to the Town Board for receiving and filing.
  - Robin indicated that the SOC is welcome to present the Annual Report findings to the Town Board at a future meeting. Erinn and Shubhangi volunteered to present the report at the November 24<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting.
- **Climate Action Plan Grant-Update**
  - Like other grant applications in the Town, staff is awaiting a response from the regulatory agency on how to proceed.
  - Erinn and Evert will meet with Commissioner of Public Works Mike Guyon next week to discuss

what options might be able to continue to move SOC projects forward without affecting work related to the Climate Action Plan Grant.

- **Pollinator Habitat-Field Trip Signup**

- The committee reviewed the various sites which are being considered for the installation of pollinator gardens. Committee members selected dates for the site visits and will wait to hear from Town staff on proposed times for the dates selected.
- Meridian center park has an existing butterfly garden. This site will be added to the site visit list to contrast what the committee's vision of a pollinator garden is intended to be.
- The Town is currently looking to focus on areas that will reduce the amount of mowing that is included in the annual mowing contracts. This approach will make the installation of the pollinator garden more attractive from a financial standpoint as it can be considered a budget neutral action.
- The committee discussed the possibility of reviewing the Town's mowing policy as part of a broader discussion about this subject.

- **Green Amendment-Update**

- Robin thanked the SOC for their support of the Green Amendment. The SOC's letter of support was submitted to the Town Board on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The Town Board passed a resolution encouraging newly elected members of the state senate and assembly to take action on this matter in the next legislative session.

- **CCA Update**

- Source Power Company has been selected as the approved energy vendor for the Brighton CCA.
- The first meeting of the public outreach program was conducted in October via zoom and was very well attended. The second session is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The Town is also offering the option to opt up to community solar as an option of the CCA program.
- The opt out letter is scheduled to be mailed out to residents in the next few weeks. Historically, opt out rates for CCA programs has been low.
- The new supply rate will be implemented on January 2021.

- **Development Project Updates**

- Updates to development projects within the Town were briefly discussed.

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:**

- The next meeting is scheduled for **January 6, 2021**, at 7:00 PM via Zoom.