



Sustainability Oversight Committee

Secretary – Evert Garcia

Brighton

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Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Evert Garcia, Brendan Ryan, Erinn Ryen, William Bayer, William Brower, Shubhangi Gandhi

Open Forum:

Guest Speaker:

Minutes:

- February minutes will be approved at the April meeting due to lack of member quorum.

Announcements:

- Evert has taken over for Mike Guyon as Commissioner of Public Works, and as part of the transition, Brendan will be taking over the role of Secretary for SOC over the next few months.

Communications:

Old Business

- Town Hall Study
 - Letter from SOC was submitted to Town Board
 - M/E Engineering's HVAC study completed in 2017 looked at ground source heat pumps and determined them not to be cost effective
 - The consultant is looking at options and discussing a scope of work increase with the Board to provide a full analysis
- EECBG
 - Interest letter has been submitted to the federal government
 - Town will get \$76,000 to spend on environmental projects
 - A zoning code update may be one of the top choices for this money, other possibilities discussed included solar or heat pumps for Town buildings
- CAP
 - SOC reviewed the newest draft of the GHG inventory report
 - Various finer points were discussed such as how the landfill/compost facility is titled and counted, corrections to data points

- Brendan to send out link to this newest draft of the GHG Inventory, comments back to him by Friday 3/31
- Consultant has confirmed that the CAP will have an executive summary and user-friendly graphics based on the GHG Inventory
- Discussed the actions matrix and possible action items to incorporate into the CAP
- Town operations- solar and heat pumps in buildings will be some of the most important reductions, other strategies discussed to decrease vehicle emissions including changing yard waste pickup schedules and obtaining smaller or more efficient Town vehicles
- Community- zoning code and land use/development density tied to it is one of the most critical climate actions, other strategies include Town programs to encourage solar and heat pumps, electric lawn equipment, etc

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for **April 25, 2023**, at 7:00 PM in person at the Town Hall (Stage Conference Room)