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Milton Town Council
Milton Library, 121 Union Street
Thursday, November 7, 2019
Regular Meeting 6:30 PM
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Councilman Baty
Councilman West
Councilman Cote'
Councilman Garde
Vice Mayor Kelly
Mayor Kanakos

3. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Motion by Councilman Garde to accept the Agenda as written, seconded by Councilman West. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Agenda Approval

5. Moment of Silence

6. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

7. Public Participation

Michela Coffaro presented the Sustainability Plan prepared by the Committee. The Town of Milton is the first in Delaware and the Plan could be a model for others. Some of the items have already been completed, some can be done within the current budget and some can be completed with grants. The goal is to have clean energy, clean water, clean everything in the Town.

Mayor Kanakos thanked those who have not only worked on the Comprehensive Plan but the Sustainability Plan. The difficult part will be determining what parts can be implemented. Vice Mayor Kelly acknowledged those in attendance who worked on the Plan.

8. Discussion of the Town of Milton Sustainability Plan

Town Manager K. Rogers stated that the next steps would be to review the Plan, have discussions, and then consider the adoption.

The Mayor and Council discussed the Sustainability Plan as presented by the Committee.

Page 1: Need to conform the language on all pages specifically Natural Resources and Water Resources.

Page 2: Copy the definition of the Town of Milton from the website so it conforms and correct the map using the Comp Plan maps and add a glossary with a list of abbreviations.

Page 7: Use of color in Pie chart difficult to read the printing color field.

Page 10: Green box with three main Good Governance objectives, insert Sustainability.

Page 11: Difference between facilitating environment awareness in one instance and promoting environmental needs to be consistent. First line in the Purple Box after Community Action, insert five Sustainability Actions.

At the end of the fourth box paragraph, State and County Agencies, repetitive use of the word “will”. First “will” should be struck.

Mayor and Council suggested moving off the grammatical corrections and concentrate on the suggested actions.

There are 159 (it was noted that 2 have been completed) suggested actions and no resources to implement all the suggestions.

Town Manager K. Rogers stated that Council needs to go through page by page to get to a level of adoption. On Page 37 begins the 3-year action plan that Sustainability put together.

Page 27 2.1 – Action Steps 2 & 3 – Install directional signs to direct traffic around the edges of Town. Council not sure that merchants would be in favor of this. The second item was to lobby for the adjustment of bus routes through Milton. This Action Step needs clarification.

Page 30 – Clarification needed for the definition of onsite retrofit. Mr. Collier noted that the recycling center no longer exists.

Page 35 – Installation of fast charging electric vehicle charging stations in the Town Center. There is a significant emphasis in the document to encourage electric cars or non-fuel vehicles. The Committee was asked how many electric vehicles are anticipated.

Page 36 – Carbon footprint produced by local government operations in a given year. The emphasis on government because it is a contributor to the problem.

The Committee was asked if they were amendable to extending the time of the Plan from 3 years to mirror the Comp Plan that is to be reviewed in 5 years and updated at the end of 10 years. It is important to have a Plan that is measurable.

Page 39 – Item #3 – Build a Sustainability Resource Center where residents can go to learn more about the Town’s initiative on energy, recycling, stormwater, climate change, etc. The Committee was asked to speak more about their vision for this.

The Plan calls for hiring part time grant writers and a consulting firm to conduct baseline feasibility study. This would be limited to available finances.

Council asked what the next steps would be for populating the Plan. There will be periodic updates to the Committee from the Council on what has been done.

The Sustainability Plan is currently on the website and linked to the Agenda. Revisions will be uploaded as part of the future agendas.

Councilman Garde volunteered to make a draft populating the 23 suggested items under Good Governance. Since this is an ongoing document, the Sustainability Committee will be providing input of suggested items to add or delete on the spreadsheet.

Motion by Councilman West, seconded by Vice Mayor Kelly, to adjourn. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned: 7:55 PM