

**Town of Shelter Island Green Options Advisory  
Committee  
Minutes of the December 10, 2015 Meeting**

**Members Present:** Chair Tim Purtell, Quinn Karpeh, Herb Stelljes, Angela Van Rynbach + Jim Dougherty

**Absent:** Don D'Amato

**Solar Initiative:**

—Herb suggested we invest the time to meet with two consultants and come up with a big-picture plan. The consultants can help us figure out a master plan that might take five or more years and they could help with suggestions for financing and grants. Tim was concerned about diluting the goal but agreed that rather than rush into the process we should take the time to plan better. Herb will contact the two consultants in January to see if they can meet with us or visa versa.

**Plastic Bag Poll:**

—The members of the committee suggested changes and tweaks to the rough version of the poll via email and at the meeting. Herb reiterated his suggestion that we have more gradated answers from 1-5 instead of just yes/no to indicate a degree of support or not. Dan suggested making the answers to the reusable section gradated. (Q: Do you use reusable bags now? A: Sometimes, often, always; Q: If there was a ban, would you use reusable bags? Y/N)

—We also discussed how SurveyMonkey works and how we could get the CoC and the Reporter involved in order to reach as many Islanders as possible.

—Herb brought up the ecological problems with paper. Tim suggested adding something about paper in the poll intro.

**Nitrogen/Septic Systems:**

—Tim had a conversation with the Nature Conservancy's Sara Davidson (on the Jitney). She's working on a plan for Georgica Pond, which is having algae issues. Dan mentioned and discussed TNC's nitrogen map for the East End.

—Jim mentioned the recent presentation by the DEC's Soren Dahl and asked if the Green Committee would like to be in the loop, joining the WAC and CAC. (Yes, we would.)

—Dan suggested that one way to get Islanders concerned about nitrogen is to stress drinking water quality.

—Herb suggested to Jim that the St. Gabe's development plan include updated septic systems.