

**Town of Shelter Island Green Options Advisory
Committee
Minutes of the March 31, 2016 Meeting**

Members Present: Chair Tim Purtell, Don D'Amato, Dan Fokine, Quinn Karpeh, Herb Stelljes + Jim Dougherty, Laury Dowd

Absent: Angela Van Rynbach

Plastic Bag Poll:

—Tim reported on the results so far (222 responses and counting). So as not to skew the data, the results will be withheld until we present the poll to the Town Board in May.

Perfect Earth Project:

—Tim attended a Perfect Earth Project seminar in Riverhead. The event was heavily attended by lawncare professionals interested in switching to more benign practices. There were several speakers, a forum with Q & A, and tables from different organizations like Cornell and Peconic Estuary Program. The Green Committee agreed that we'd like to invite Perfect Earth to present to the Town at one of the Tuesday meetings.

Dickerson Park Meadow:

—Tim and Dan will come up with a plan, which will be presented to the CAC for comments.

—Herb would like a potential meadow to be an educational opportunity. Tim replied that education was part of the goal. Ideally, the school would be involved. Tim also explained that the plants used would be drought tolerant, deer resistant

Long Island native flowers and grasses that attract pollinators.

—Herb mentioned Monarchs. One of the plants would be Butterfly Weed, a host for Monarchs.

Town Energy Audit:

—We're continuing to gather information that Johnson Controls needs in order to conduct an audit. Hopefully, we'll have it done in a week or two.

—Herb would like to see if we could expand the audit to eventually create a big picture effort that involves more of the community, including Sylvester Manor and The Nature Conservancy. Dan added the Peconic Land Trust. Dan also mentioned Martha's Vineyard as an example of a community that is moving toward self-sufficiency. Herb talked about solar initiatives and packages that would combine the Town and homeowners. Tim mentioned a recent webinar recommended by John Cronin that dealt with solar at capped landfills.