

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

MONDAY, June 13, 2022

6:00 pm

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present: Mary Smith, Cameren Cousins, Eric Hudson, Dennis Loria

Acton-Boxborough Regional School District: Kate Crosby

Sustainability Director: Andrea Becerra

Mary Smith called the meeting to order at 6:03PM with a quorum present via a virtual meeting with no Board Members in physical attendance using Zoom.us virtual meeting platform.

Green Advisory Board

- Eric Hudson announced that Colorado is the third state to pass the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulation. Oregon and Maine passed their own version of an EPR. Hopes Massachusetts will follow suit.
- Kate Crosby announced that the new building is relatively on schedule and that a lot will need to happen – noted that she and Andrea B. attended the National Grid Summit the week prior where Kate C. presented on electrification for the schools. Kate C. mentioned that the school intends to apply for school bus electrification funding via the EPA, which is lottery-based.

Sustainability Updates

- Andrea B. announced the new APC contract and announcement coming soon
- Andrea B. notified the GAB that we have a new EV Nissan leaf and a new EV Police Cruiser
- Andrea B. summarized Climate Café events which are being organized every Wednesday by Energize Acton – the next one is Solar 101 happening this week in collaboration with Energy Sage
- Kate C. summarized the electrification work
 - The District received a \$15K Meta Grant for electrification of rooftop units -- \$3 million project w/ 3-year payback -- utilities will also offer \$900K

Climate Action Plan

- Andrea B. provided update on the CAP: the draft CAP will be released next week for public comment – she would love to get feedback from the GAB
- Andrea B. provided an update on the ActOn Climate Festival

Robbins Brook Condominium Trust solar

- Eric H. would like to establish a protocol for what happens when the GAB receives a request like this
- Dennis L. would be happy to respond to the query to suggest various options for doing the research on solar options

Future meetings – hybrid (in-person & virtual)

- Andrea notified that she will be going on leave in two months and is developing an FAQ of typical questions that are asked for a list of resources for residents
- Dennis L. asked what will happen with the CAP while Andrea B. is on leave and how the momentum will continue running
- Andrea B. and GAB discussed various programs that will be running on their own while she is on leave, including Abode and Energize Acton
- Mary S. made a suggestion that for the July meeting to have an option for a hybrid meeting, to do both in-person and virtual
- Dennis L. noted that we need dessert or another food incentive to come to an in-person meeting.

Closing

- Mary Smith made a motion to close the meeting at 7:05; Dennis L. seconds; Eric Hudson – aye, Dennis -aye, Mary-aye. The motion carries and the meeting is closed.

ADDENDUM

Meeting minutes approved unanimously at October 17th, 2022, GAB virtual meeting.