



## GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 - 6:00 pm

\*REMOTE MEETING\*

**GAB Members Virtual:** Mary Smith, Eric Hudson, Cameren Cousins, Peter Berry

**Town Staff Virtual:** Andrea Becerra, Lauren West, Sophia Darsch

Mary calls the meeting to order at 6:00 and reads the hybrid meeting statement. Attendees are advised that the meeting is being recorded.

### **Business**

#### **1. Resident Concerns**

- None

#### **2. GAB Updates**

- With Dennis Loria leaving the GAB, members discuss promoting Peter Berry or Erik Larson to become a full member. Peter recommends promoting Erik Larson.
- Andrea will work with the VCC to discuss the process for promoting a member.
- Andrea notes that the GAB can advertise the vacant associate member spot. Cameren notes that it would be great to gain some experience in solar renewables on the GAB.
- Cameren will ask Dennis if he knows anyone who may be interested.
- Peter notes that Green Acton has an energy committee as well. He says the Select Board would need to make appointments to the GAB.

#### **3. Sustainability Updates**

Day Ahead Ancillary Services Initiative (DASI)

- Andrea recaps the rare change of law that allows the Town electricity aggregation program's supplier to charge us more for Acton Power Choice to meet the Day Ahead Ancillary Services Initiative (DASI).
- The Select Board will decide at the meeting on July 21 whether to increase the price across the program or decrease renewables under the Standard option.
- Mary points out that DASI was first introduced in 2023.
- Eric asks if any of the other options would experience changes in the amount of RECs. Andrea replies that because GREEN has a small number of subscribers,

adjusting the RECs would not make up for the cost. Basic is already at the State mandated amount of RECs and cannot be reduced.

- If a price change is decided, a letter will go out to every customer on APC. If prices do not change, a notice would not be mailed but the Town can send an update.
- Eric asks if price stability is promised through the APC program. Andrea replies that the price stability is a main point used to advertise APC.
- Eric supports raising the price (each rate would increase by 5%) over reducing the RECs.
- Cameren fears residents may associate the price increase with renewable energy.
- Eric assumes that the amount of residents who leave the program due to the price increase would be much less detrimental than the amount of support for RECs lost by reducing the RECs under the Standard option.
- Andrea says the GAB can vote on which option they support and Andrea can relay their vote to the Select Board. Peter says she can include a memo with the GAB's reasoning. GAB members can also attend the meeting to share their thoughts.
- Cameren makes a motion that the GAB's official position on the DASI decision to increase APC prices or decrease APC Standard RECs is that the RECs should remain the same with a moderate price increase for the remainder of the contract.
- Eric seconds the motion. All vote in favor, the motion passes.
- Peter suggests that Lauren drafts a memo based on the GAB's comments and shares a draft with the GAB. Members can send individual comments and Mary will sign off on the final version before sharing it with the Select Board.

#### Changing Evening Meeting Times

- Peter mentions that the CPC may change their meeting time to align with new Town staff hours. He may need to leave the GAB if the meeting times overlap.

Cameren makes a motion to close the meeting at 6:56. Eric seconds the motion. By a unanimous roll call vote; meeting adjourned.