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MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Hudson, Cameren Cousins, Mary Smith

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Padamaja Kuchimanchi

RECORDING SECRETARY: Joanne Gutierrez

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES SUPERINTENDENT: Andrea Ristine

ACTON SELECTMEN: Peter Berry

REGIONAL SCHOOL ENERGY ADVISOR: Kate Crosby

VISITOR: Carolyn Kiely (Parkland Lane)

Discussion - Electric Aggregation

Mr. Berry reported that Annual Town Meeting approved the statute allowing the Town to aggregate electricity for citizens and businesses.

Mr. Hudson stated that Ms. Smith or Mr. Loria might be of the most value to help the Town Manager choose a consultant.

6.52 Mr. Hudson called the meeting called to order with quorum present.

Mr. Hudson moved to make Padamaja Kuchimanchi temporary Acting Member, Ms. Cousins 2nd; unanimous.

Pay as You Throw Update - Corey York, DPW Director (010)

PAYT/SMART Program began 9/1/15, and overall received well.

Results during the first six months:

- Solid Waste - reduction by 39%
- Recycled – Mixed Paper increased by 31%
- Recycled – Commingle increased by <10%
- Sale of Stickers declined by 5%

Bags are sold in 5, 15, or 30 gallon sizes, with perhaps even larger size either replacing the 30 gallon or in addition to the bags currently available. Mr. York asked if a Board member would attend a Board of Selectmen meeting to speak on the PAYT Program. No action taken at this time.

COMPOSTING - The Transfer Station and Recycling Facility also offer a Food Waste Collection that is used by local farms to grow food. Residents may also purchase a composting bin, two varieties \$50 or \$60 for at-home composting. Ms. Cousins suggested advertising making more residents aware of their options.

Home Energy Efficiency Team (HEET) Gas Leak Grant - Corey York (020)

The Gas companies are compiling list of roads with gas leaks for their final report. One of Mr. York's concerns is coordinating paving along with the repairs of the gas leaks. The gas companies would like two years advanced notice of roads scheduled to be paved.

Land Use & Economic Development Director - Matt Selby, Meet & Greet

Mr. Selby, Acton's newly appointed Land Use & Economic Development Director, will be overseeing and merging four departments; Building, Planning/Zoning, Natural Resources and the Health Departments. He also is assigned the role as Chief Operations Officer of Acton 2020; his focus is growth in the village districts. *we should also focus on*

Ms. Cousins suggested instead just focusing on growth, that stainable land use, climate change and climate resilience with infrastructure. Mr. Berry suggested a GAB member participate in discussion on the Walker Property and Ms. Cousins accepted the assignment.

Mr. Selby handed out list of action items put together by Acton 2020 for the Green Advisory Board; the action items list for the GAB is posted at the link to documents for this meeting (<http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-7571>).

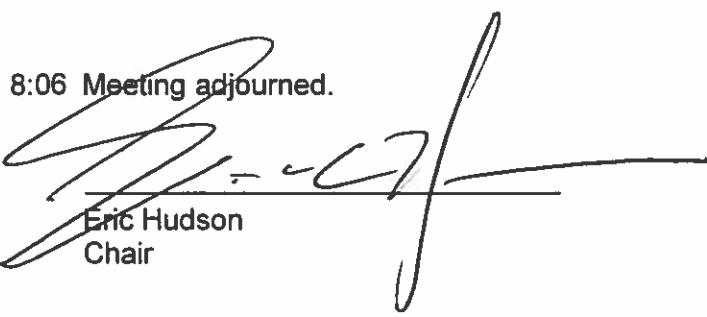
Energy Aggregation

Mr. Berry reported that the option of researching energy aggregation was approved at the Annual Town Meeting; he stated that the Town Manager wishes to form a committee to review potential aggregation firms and their programs and suggested that a GAB member sit on the committee. Ms. Smith agreed to volunteer her expertise and asked for the Town to define what it looking for before speaking with brokers.

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Mr. Hudson moved to accept the minutes for December 7, 2015, January 11, 2016, and March 7, 2016; Ms. Cousins 2nd; unanimous.

8:06 Meeting adjourned.


Eric Hudson
Chair

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Energy Aggregation - passed at Town Meeting

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January 11, 2016

March 7