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MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Hudson, Dennis Loria, Mary Smith, Cameren Cousins, Steve Lowe

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Padamaja Kuchimanchi

RECORDING SECRETARY: Kim Gorman

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES SUPERINTENDENT: Andrea Ristine

ACTON SELECTMEN: Peter Berry

REGIONAL SCHOOL ENERGY ADVISOR: Kate Crosby

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6:35 Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order.
Board members welcomed Mr. Steve Lowe as a new member.

Update – Main Street Master Plan

Ms. Cousins stated the new Main Street Master Plan Committee (MSMPC) consists of 11 people. The MSMPC committee discussed the previous owner/developer property at 348-364 Main Street. Goals for the MSMPC are to investigate options and undertake discovery and discussions to propose options for the use at the property.

Update - Concord Solar Special Permit filing with the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Berry stated the special permit public hearing has been continued to November 1, 2016. After the draft environmental report was submitted, Concord withdrew the solar array and to install two CHP generator units. Mr. Berry stated comments are welcome for alternative ideas and place on the next October meeting agenda.

Discussion - Annual Reports

Ms. Crosby reported the Green Communities Annual Report was completed a year ago on renewal energy, as of right approval. Five items to be accomplished since there are many criteria's. Would like to apply for future grants in 2017. Ms. Crosby would like to have more information at a future meeting to review with the Board.

Discussion - Solar Canopy Proposal - Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) (10)

Ms. Ristine stated Omni Navitas Holdings LLC has been hired to install solar canopies at multiple locations at the South Acton Commuter lot. The work will not take place until sometime in May. The Board is in favor and enthusiast for the project to be built.

Discussion – Charging Stations

Mr. Berry stated the Town was denied for a grant. Mr. Berry reported in general, the Town supports to obtain the electric vehicles; possibly place a charging station at the train station. The Board further discussed other locations in town.

Discussion – Natural Gas Line Infrastructure – 09-05-2016 email from Jim Snyder-Grant (20)

Board members briefly discussed. It will be placed on the 12/5/2016 BOS meeting agenda. Need to research and educate for other alternatives for residents and businesses looking to convert to natural gas.

Update – Energy Efficiency Fund (030)

Ms. Ristine updated the Board of the recent expenditures for completion of the town wide LED street light conversion with the Energy Efficiency Fund (EEF). Upon query by Mr. Lowe, Ms. Ristine reviewed the revenue from the land lease payments to the Town from the solar array on Forest Road that are deposited into the EEF. At the request of Mr. Lowe, Ms. Ristine will forward a copy of the home rule petition that established the EEF.

Discussion – Budget 2017 (040)

Ms. Ristine explained the GAB budget has reduced from last year from \$50,000 to \$17,000. Board members discussed possible uses for professional services to be obtained.

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Mr. Hudson moved to approve the minutes of July 18, 2016; Mr. Loria 2nd; unanimous.

Next Meeting Agenda

Items to discuss on October 26, 2016:

BOS/Concord Water 11/1/16 PH – GAB Comments

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MSMPC comments*

Charging Stations*

*either 10/26/16 or future agenda

8:47 Meeting Adjourned



Eric Hudson
Chair



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Update - Main Street Master Planning Committee - C. Cousins

Annual Report(s)

Click link below to view the final Annual Report as submitted:

FALL 2015 - Town of Acton - FINAL - GC Annual Report.xlsx

2016 preparation needed

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