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JANUARY 9, 2017

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Padamaja Kuchimanchi

RECORDING SECRETARY: Kim Gorman

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES SUPERINTENDENT: Andrea Ristine

REGIONAL SCHOOL ENERGY MANAGER: Kate Crosby

VISITOR: Mona Chandra

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6:30 Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Mr. Hudson moved to approve the minutes of December 19, 2016; Ms. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>; unanimous.

Discussion – Main Street Master Plan update

Ms. Cousins stated there was a meeting in mid-December. Ms. Cousins stated Mr. Selby has met with the Conway School out of South Hampton, which is a landscaping architectural graduate school. Spent some time to see what Acton wants and needs. Ms. Cousins suggested electric solar charging stations and safer pedestrian walkways and access. The Board (Main Street Master Plan Committee?) is making a decision by February 2017. There will be two public meetings in April and May.

Discussion - Green Advisory Board - Annual Town Report

Ms. Cousins presented GAB's draft annual report for the Board to review. The final report is due to the Town Manager on January 20, 2017 to final comments or feedback should be sent to Ms. Ristine by January 17.

Discussion – A Greener Acton (12-19-16 memo from D. Loria) (020)

Board members thanked Mr. Loria for his memo.

Board members discussed the next steps on top recommendations and actions. Ms. Cousins stated she will reach out to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC). Board members mentioned to review energy conservation measures. Read through old minutes GAB special session meetings, possible public relations campaigns and review spreadsheets.

**Discussion – Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (030-032)**

Ms. Ristine reported that Mr. Lowe and Mr. York, DPW Director had met to discuss potential options for electric cars and charging stations; best effectiveness and best options for the Town. Mr. Lowe provided options and had forwarded a memo to Mr. York. Mr. York is waiting to hear feedback from Mr. Ledoux and on the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP) and the Nissan LEAF electric vehicle regarding possible options and next steps.

Ms. Mona Chandra introduced herself to the Board. Ms. Chandra stated Eversource is looking into charging stations. There could be a State level funding, need to seek approvals and there could be new funds available. Ms. Chandra stated she would try to be of assistance for grant projects.

**Discussion - Solar Canopy Proposal update**

Mr. Loria discussed general solar programs should be published in January, too premature. It is premature for the town to consider soliciting a request for proposal, but the Board can be proactive and plan ahead for potential programs.

**Discussion – Potential Green Communities Grant Projects (040)**

Board members discussed eligibility for the 20% goal, potential projects. Try to obtain quotes from vendors and free estimates and proposals.

**February 13, 2017 Agenda Items**

Brainstorm Session:  
Net Zero and Low Carbon  
Green Acton Plan  
Main Street Master Plan  
Charging Stations  
Solar Canopy Proposal  
Solidify Green Communities Grant Project List  
Minutes

**March Meeting Agenda Items**

Main Street Master Plan Report/Solar Brainstorm – GAB recommendations

7:46 Meeting adjourned.

Eric Hudson  
Chair



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Discussions:

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- Green Advisory Board – Annual Town Report (010 ?)
- A Greener Acton (12-19-2016 memo from D. Loria) (020)
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (030 – 032)
- Solar Canopy Proposal update
- Potential Green Communities Grant Projects (040)

Minutes – December 19, 2016