



**GREEN ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2018
6:30 PM
ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY - MEETING ROOM
486 MAIN STREET**

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Mona Chandra

RECORDING SECRETARY: Kim Gorman

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES SUPERINTENDENT: Andrea Ristine

ACTON SELECTMEN: Not Present

REGIONAL SCHOOL ENERGY ADVISOR: Kate Crosby

VISITORS: Matthew "Selby" Selby, Nathan Wolf, Acton Boxborough Student attending for his Community Merit Badge with the Boy Scouts.

Link to documents numbered on this agenda:

<http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-9782>

6:35 Mr. Loria called the meeting to order.

Green Community Grant Recommended Projects 2018 (010)

- 2018 Grant Application Submittal Documents: <http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-9783>
- Application due submittal 3/9/2018 (extension given)

Ms. Ristine reported that due to the extreme storm emergencies the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) granted an extension for grant application submittals. The Board members reviewed what will be sent in. Ms. Ristine had asked if the amount to be funded for the Town Hall project and requested within the grant application could be adjusted to try to apply for the fullest amount as provided through the change of recommended school projects.

Ms. Cousins helped with narrative clarification and analysis of how the Board chose the recommended projects.

Ms. Crosby explained the school's proposed projects, discussed paybacks, savings and energy reduction. Ms. Crosby gave huge appreciation to Ms. Chandra, Ms. Cousins and the Board for the level of attention given to determining recommended projects submitted in the grant application.

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) - Matthew Selby - Land Use Department Director and Economic Development Director

Mr. Selby reported he attended a meeting from Mass Development under the 495 MetroWest. PACE for commercial buildings is a new mechanism to finance energy improvements, such as energy-efficiency projects, renewables, and gas line extensions, on commercial and industrial properties in Massachusetts. To finance improvements, a property owner agrees to a betterment assessment on their property, which repays the refinancing. This approach enables owner to undertake more comprehensive energy upgrades with longer payback periods of up to 20 years. At property sale, the lien stays with the property and is transferred to subsequent property owners. A concerning factor that Mr. Selby has reservations about is that natural gas line extensions cannot be refused.

Board members had questions and would like to have representatives attend a meeting. Pull data for the real and best benefit and see what commercial property in Acton could have benefit to this program.

Ms. Chandra stated that Rhode Island has had the program in place for a year and offered to try to obtain more information from NGrid/EverSource on the program

Mr. Selby stated he will follow up with PACE in attempt to have a representative attend a Green Advisory Board (GAB) meeting in the near future. Board members thanked Mr. Selby for his presentation and time attending.

Main Street Master Plan Committee Update - No updates.

Ms. Smith departed.

Electric Car Charging Station Update – Town Hall – Wattzilla (030)

Ms. Ristine reported Mr. York, Director of Public Works is working on a dual station at the left corner at the Acton Town Hall. He will be applying for funding and have an electrician insert the electrical with 1 space with dual plugs. Mr. Lowe would like to give guidance to Mr. York.

Mr. Lowe stated he will put something together to forward to Mr. York and the BOS regarding a better strategic plan to save a little money and support.

South Acton Train Station Solar Car Port Update

Ms. Ristine reported Mr. York, Director of Public Works, is working on a Request for Proposal (RFP) and has inquired about Mr. Loria being involved with the process. Mr. Loria stated that he would help and consult, he suggested a consultant might not be needed.

A brief discussion on the sustainability policy and Mothers Out Front 3/22/18 Public Forum.

Next Meeting Agenda, April 9, 2018, Items to discuss:

Net Zero – Sustainability Policy – draft Request for Quotes Carbon Neutrality Initiative
Minutes – 2/12/18 & 3/12/18

8:37 Meeting Adjourned



Eric Hudson *Cameron Cousins, for Eric Hudson*
Chair



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AMENDED AGENDA

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Link to agenda items:

Discussions:

- Green Community Grant Recommended Projects 2018 – Grant Application
 - Town of Acton Energy Efficiency Projects Summary
 - Regional School District 02-07-2018 Memo regarding grant projects
 - Link to all proposed grant proposals:
<http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-9735/Document-61968>
- 7:00 Matthew Selby – Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)
- Net Zero – Sustainability Policy – draft Request for Quotes Carbon Neutrality Initiative

Minutes – February 12

Next Meeting – April 9

Green Community Grants Applications submitted
Main Street Master Plan Committee Update
Electric Car Charging Station Update
Train Station Solar Car Port Update
Minutes