



**GREEN ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
JUNE 11, 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: Ms. Wendy Lee O'Malley, Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program Manager,
MassDevelopment

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6:38 Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order.

Ms. Wendy Lee O'Malley, Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program Manager,
MassDevelopment (010)

Ms. O'Malley discussed PACE for commercial buildings is a new mechanism to finance energy improvements, such as energy-efficiency projects, renewables, gas line extensions, on commercial and industrial properties in Massachusetts. To finance energy improvements, a property owner agrees to a betterment assessment on their property's tax bill. PACE betterment assessments work similar to improvements for public infrastructure that benefit commercial/industrial, non-profit and multifamily (5 units or more) properties. Ms. O'Malley explained the process of MassDevelopment to stimulate economic growth throughout Massachusetts. 20 states (plus DC) have active commercial PACE programs, the flow of funds and fixed amount of the number of years. DOER would make the final answer on the amount of funds to allocate.

Board members stated the program has to be brought to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Mr. Loria moved on behalf of the Green Advisory Board to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to authorize the PACE program in Acton.

Ms. Ristine will reach out to Selectman Peter Berry and Matthew Selby, Land Use Director to further discuss incentives to apply and outreach in September. Board members thanked Ms. O'Malley for her presentation and time to present.

Main Street Master Plan Committee Update - No updates

Ms. Crosby departed at 7:50pm.

Request for Quotes Carbon Neutrality Initiative (020)

Ms. Ristine reported the Request for Quotes for Carbon Neutrality Initiative are due on June 21, 2018 at 2pm copies will be provided to the Board for review at the July 9 meeting.

Green Community Grant Projects 2018

Ms. Ristine reported no updates as of now.

Minutes of February 12, 2018 & March 12, 2018 were approved and signed.

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

Review & Reward - Request for Quotes Carbon Neutrality Initiative
Minutes – 6/11/18

8:13 Meeting Adjourned



Eric Hudson
Chair



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AMENDED AGENDA

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- Wendy Lee O'Malley, Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program Manager, MassDevelopment (010)
- Main Street Master Plan Committee Updates
- Draft Watermark – Request for Quotes Carbon Neutrality Initiative (020)
- Green Community Grant Projects 2018/ - no report from the Department of Energy Resources

Minutes – February 12 & March 12

Next Meeting – July9