



**GREEN ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2019
6:30 PM
ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY - MEETING ROOM
486 MAIN STREET**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Hudson, Mary Smith and Cameren Cousins, Dennis Loria (remote phone participation)

RECORDING SECRETARY: Kim Gorman

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES SUPERINTENDENT: Andrea Ristine

VISITORS: Debra Simes, Judy Hodge

Link to documents numbered on this agenda: <http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-11454>

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

Mr. Dennis Loria participated remotely by phone as he is out of town more than 20 miles for business reasons. All members present Eric Hudson, Mary Smith and Cameren Cousins.

Carbon Neutrality Initiative (CNI) - 9/5/19 presentation to the Town Manager (010)

Mr. Hudson reported that Ms. Cousins has been working hard on the figures and data for the Town Manager on the carbon neutrality goal.

Ms. Cousins stated she is looking for feedback to provide to Mr. Mangiaratti to use in budget discussions. Ms. Cousins has included information for residential, commercial and industrial data, transportation, and stationary energy, which all fell under the community inventory in which John Mangiaratti stated he would like to see the community pieces highlighted/blown out.

Debra Simes, from Green Acton (non-profit) suggested some small edits and offered to look over the presentation and provide edits to Ms. Cousins.

Ms. Simes stated she would like to attend the GAB's next meeting to discuss Green Acton short term emissions. Mr. Hudson stated it will be placed on the next upcoming meeting as an agenda item.

North Acton Fire Station (020)

Ms. Cousins briefly discussed the sustainability options for a carbon reduction building. The building is proposed to be completely electric, not connected to natural gas. It is currently proposed to provide ground-sourced geothermal wells in the schematic design.

Green Communities Grant Award (030)

Ms. Ristine reported the grants have been awarded from DOER. Ms. Ristine stated the letter ^{from MS} form DOER and additional materials regarding the grant information can be viewed from the link noted on the agenda.

The Public Safety Building was awarded \$54,965 for the LED lighting retrofit with controls and the Recreation Department (50 Audubon Drive) was awarded \$7,556 for the LED lighting retrofit with controls.

Minutes

Mr. Hudson moved to accept the minutes of September 9, 2019, Ms. Smith 2nd; unanimous.

Citizen Concern

Visitor – Judy Hodge mentioned the “Future Act H.2849” which is a path to the future away from natural gas. Mrs. Hodge presented as information “Rolling the Dice: Assessment of Gas System Safety in Massachusetts” report booklet. An assessment of the gas leaks. The document was created by volunteers, gasleaksallies.org. She spoke briefly regarding recommendations on how to deal with gas leaks and to invest in new infrastructure and transition away from gas.

Next Meeting – November 18, 2019

- Carbon Neutrality Initiative – Major initiatives in advance of consultant assistance
- Green Acton – Power Choice, Heat Smart, Cool Smart, Short-term emission reduction strategy
- Minutes – 10/7/19

7:33 Meeting Adjourned


Eric Hudson
Chair



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II. Minutes - September 9, 2019

III. Next meeting - November 18, 2019

2020 Meeting Schedule [link](#)

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