



**GREEN ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2019
6:30 PM
ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY - MEETING ROOM
486 MAIN STREET**

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Mona Chandra

RECORDING SECRETARY: Kim Gorman

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES SUPERINTENDENT: Andrea Ristine

REGIONAL SCHOOL ENERGY ADVISOR: Kate Crosby

VISITORS: Debra Simes, Judith Aronstein, Edward Woll, Jim Snyder-Grant, Jane Ceraso

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6:31 Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order.

House H. 2849/S. 1940 Future Resolution, Acton for Utility Transition to Renewable Energy Mother's Out Front (030)

Ms. Aronstein, from Acton Mothers Out Front, reported the group is working with Mr. Ed Woll, an attorney and on the legislative team of Mothers Out Front and involved in the information of the Gas Leak Allies. They are working on the Acton approach on "how to deliver something else". Ms. Aronstein discussed the House Bill with the Green Advisory Board (GAB). State and municipalities must lead the way, add public health and safety and move into the right direction for the future act. Ms. Aronstein asked if the GAB could write a letter of endorsement/recommendation of support of the House Bill. Board members briefly discussed the House Bill and reported it needs to be more narrow and specific, recommend an analyst to review and need more time to review. This item will be discussed at next meeting.

Additional Information - Ms. Crosby stated the new Douglas & Gates School Building Project needs a two-thirds yes vote to pass at the next Special Town Meeting on December 10, 2019. There will be a ballot vote on December 17, 2019.

Carbon Neutrality Initiative

Town Manager presentation (010) and Green House Gas Graphics (020)

Mr. Hudson discussed the next steps for obtaining further data and information for the carbon neutrality goal for the next six months.

Board members discussed including obtaining further information for the residential and commercial data, road transportation and stationary energy. Mr. Hudson stated he would like to see a possible crosstown bike commuter path.

Mr. Hudson stated for the next steps, to create a list of the top 20 recommendations of resources to provide further help to the community. The GAB will continue working on this and discuss at the next meeting.

Short Term Emissions – Debra Simes, Green Acton

Debra Simes, from Green Acton (non-profit), discussed short term goals. Try to obtain the low-hanging fruit that might be available and easier to obtain (i.e. the municipal electrical accounts, Acton Power Choice, grant opportunities for crosstown connect vans, tying data fuel use into the registry database for miles traveled, trees and carbon).

Jane Ceraso, from Green Acton, suggested putting the municipal building onto a more renewable energy from ACP to ACP Green. Ms. Ceraso discussed new studies for opportunities to apply for grants. The GAB would like to be able to utilize the grants. Mr. Snyder-Grant reported that he had obtained a years' worth of the Town's electrical bills. He summarized the figures and data on calculated carbon savings and costs for going green. Mr. Hudson would like to add those items to the top 20 recommendation list.

8:32 Mary Smith and Mona Chandra departed.

North Acton Fire Station

Ms. Cousins reported no future progress has been made; she is waiting for further energy information and emission data from Ms. Ristine as soon as the engineers can provide this.

Clean Energy Update (Metropolitan Area Planning Council) – Mona Chandra

This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda to further discussion.

Green Communities Projects Update

Ms. Ristine reported both lighting projects at the Public Safety Facility Building and 50 Audubon Drive have been completed. Ms. Crosby reported the High School lighting project is taking place now and will be completed in a week.

Green Community Annual Report – due 12/4/2019

Ms. Ristine stated the report is due on December 4, 2019. Further assistance is needed from Ms. Crosby to complete the report, in time to submit.

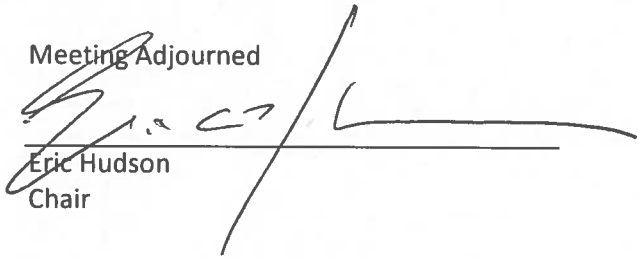
Minutes

Signing of minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

Next Meeting – December 9, 2019

- House H. 2849/S. 1940 Future Resolution, Acton for Utility Transition to Renewable Energy Discussion
- 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, 11/18/19

8:55 Meeting Adjourned



Eric Hudson
Chair



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II. Minutes - September 9, 2019

Next meeting - December 9, 2019

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