



**GREEN ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2019
6:30 PM
ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY - MEETING ROOM
486 MAIN STREET**

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: Kim Gorman

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES SUPERINTENDENT: Andrea Ristine

REGIONAL SCHOOL ENERGY ADVISOR: Kate Crosby

VISITORS: Mike Boss

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6:33 Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order.

Special Town Meeting 12-10-2019 – <http://www.acton-ma.gov/599/Town-Meeting>

Ms. Ristine reported the new Douglas & Gates School Building Project, North Acton Fire Station and West Acton Sewers are the three things to be discussed and voted on at the Special Town Meeting. Board members briefly discussed the items. Board members were encouraged to attend and vote.

House H.2849/S.1940 Future Resolutions, Acton for Utility Transition to Renewable Energy Draft Letter to Board of Selectmen (010)

Ms. Smith is drafting a letter of endorsement/recommendation of support of the House Bill to forward to the Board of Selectmen; she reported that she has read the House Bill and can support parts of it.

Ms. Smith will complete the letter and send to staff to forward to the Board's liaison Selectman Peter Berry.

Carbon Neutrality Initiative (CNI) - Discussion

Mr. Hudson suggested that the Board create top 10-20 things that can be accomplished towards the CNI with or without a consultant to work towards list to focus on. . Work on impacts of stationary energy and on road transportation; create a list for Green Acton support. Contact other towns on their sustainability projects and how they are accomplishing their goals. Identify information to reach a net zero carbon neutrality. Identify the possible ways for public outreach and educate the Town on what the Board has done and wishes to accomplish long term. Board members brainstormed session and using white board. Board members discussed stationary, transportation, waste and tactics sections will discuss further at the next meeting.

Town – Board Annual Report

Ms. Ristine reported that there are two meetings (including today) before the Board's annual report is due. A brief summary of what GAB has been doing and their discoveries should be noted in the report. Ms. Ristine sent last year's report to the Board prior to this meeting.

Mr. Hudson stated he will draft this year's annual report, distribute for review and so the Board can review at the next meeting prior to the due date.

Green Community Annual Report – due date changed from 12/4/2019 to Friday 12/6/2019

Ms. Ristine stated the report was originally due on 12/4/19, the Department of Energy Resources provided a two day extension due to all offices being closed due to the storm events. Ms. Ristine reported the Town has converted to using MassEnergyInsight (MEI). MEI is an essential web-based tool to help communities track and reduce their energy use with access to reports on electricity, natural gas, and oil use; MEI replaces Portfolio Manager. The report was been finalized and submitted 12/6/2019.

7:27 Mary Smith departed.

Minutes

Mr. Hudson moved to accept the minutes for October 7, 2019, Ms. Cousins 2nd; unanimous.

Approval of minutes for November 18, 2019 was tabled until the next meeting for minor clarification edits.

Next Meeting – December 9, 2019

- Carbon Neutrality Initiative – Major initiatives in advance of consultant assistance
- Minutes –11/18/19, 12/9/19

8: 21 Meeting Adjourned


Eric Hudson
Chair



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I. Business

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II. Minutes - October 7, 2019

November 18 pending

Next meeting - January 13, 2020

2020 Meeting Schedule link

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