



**GREEN ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2020
6:30 PM
ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY - MEETING ROOM
486 MAIN STREET**

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Mona Chandra

RECORDING SECRETARY: Kim Gorman

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES SUPERINTENDENT: Andrea Ristine

REGIONAL SCHOOL ENERGY ADVISOR: Kate Crosby

VISITORS: Mike Boss, Judith Aronstein, Ed Woll, Peter Berry, John Mangiaratti

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6:30 Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order.

John Mangiaratti, Town Manager

Mr. Hudson thanked the Board for their updates and all the work put in leading up to being able to work with the Town to reach the carbon neutrality initiative goal. Mr. Hudson expressed his excitement and having Town leadership. Mr. Hudson expressed his concerns for timing, action plan process and setting forward the Carbon Neutrality Initiative (CNI) goals and brought Mr. Mangiaratti up to date with their goals.

Mr. Mangiaratti reported the implementations the Board of Selectmen are working on. Funding of \$200,000 for sustainability policy implementation are being requested under the Capital Plan for Fiscal Year 2021, additional energy efficiency funds may also be available. The Cadmus study is the baseline. Mr. Mangiaratti reported International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) technical tools such as ClearPath to store available data and a great resource tool. He will register as many members as possible to use the tools and data. These steps are a path to help start without having a study purchased or hiring consultant. Interns can help with the sustainability level as well.

Board members discussed bringing the information to the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) in April, seek to present and having a table to bring attention to residents.

Mr. Mangiaratti reported that an article will be brought to ATM from Mr. Dean Charter (BOS) and himself about the sustainability information including green inventory information from Cadmus and adding the GAB graphics links in the warrant booklet. Mr. Mangiaratti requested verbiage and more information to have a narrative info link to the Cadmus/KLM report.

Ms. Cousins noted that the Board's hope is to be able to use some of the intended capital fund request for a consultant not just an action plan. Mr. Mangiaratti asked for a proposed job description, there is also potential for an eight week term intern. Board members will supply Mr. Mangiaratti further information.

Board members thanked Mr. Mangiaratti for his support.

2020 Green Communities Competitive Grant Application

Ms. Crosby reported she has been occupied with the Coronavirus issues and has not had much time to prepare more share data. She has emailed the Board 2 proposals the night of the meeting.

Ms. Crosby discussed the 2 proposals. Natural Gas Utility Services Trouble Shooting Proposal for the ABRSD buildings for \$11,840 and AECOM detailed energy audit report and scope of work for the LED Lighting at the Parker Damon Building for \$86,305.79.

Mr. Mangiaratti reported he will be applying for hybrid vehicles for the Police Station and possibly a town inspectional vehicle for \$15,000.

Board members reviewed the projects for consideration and support the proposals.

House H.2849/S.1940 Future Resolution, Act for Utility Transition to Renewable Energy (010)

Board members re-discussed the letter of endorsement/recommendation in support of the House Bill.

Ms. Aronstein reported she has sent the Board further information stating the Bill had over 80 amendments. The Bill is being broken down, creating more small different parts. The House Bill is being pushed forward with more towns supporting it and asked the Board to review the Bill again for recommendation in support to the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Smith expressed her concern regarding fossil fuels/renewable fuels, gas and heat pumps and the deadline dates. Ms. Smith stated the Town of Wellesley didn't support the whole House Bill.

Mr. Woll discussed the House Bill and will send the Board more information on other Town's support. Ms. Smith stated that she will review the House Bill again.

Mr. Berry stated the BOS is looking for GAB recommendations.

Board members state they will review the new House Bill and vote at their next meeting.

Carbon Neutrality Initiative - Newton Energy Commission – Citizens Action Plan

Mr. Hudson reported initial ground work has been formed and created with the Town Manager.

Mr. Loria discussed the possibility of a part-time position person to help with the CNI Reduction/Implementation Plan that could work on big items to be accomplished.

Ms. Cousins stated she will review what other towns have created.

Ms. Chandra stated the Newton Energy Commission was unable to come to this meeting and will attend the meeting in April.

Ms. Cameren will create the job description and further findings to discuss brainstorming notes, the high level of scope work at the next meeting.

8:25 Ms. Smith departed.

Minutes

Mr. Loria moved to accept the minutes as written for February 10, 2020, Ms. Cousins 2nd; unanimous.

Next Meeting – April 13, 2020

- Carbon Neutrality Initiative – Next Steps
- Help Mr. Mangiaratti with job description.
- Brainstorm notes – webinars add to brainstorming
- Scope high level carbon reduction scope from Dennis 2/10/2020
- Newton Energy Commission - Chairman
- Minutes – 03/9/2020

8:28 Meeting Adjourned

Eric Hudson
Chair



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I. Business

- John Mangiaratti, Town Manager
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- House H.2849/S.1940 Future Resolution, Act for Utility Transition to Renewable Energy ([010](#))
- Carbon Neutrality Initiative - Discussion
 - Newton Energy Commission - Citizens Action Plan

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Next meeting April 13, 2020

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