



GREEN ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021
6:00 pm
VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present: Eric Hudson, Cameren Cousins, Mary Smith E, Dennis Loria

Associate Member: Peter Berry

Sustainability Director: Andrea Becerra

Regional School Representative: Kate Crosby

Visitors: Debra Simes, Kim Kastens, Terra Friedrichs

Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:05PM via a virtual meeting with no Board Members in physical attendance are using the via Zoom.us virtual meeting platform. Mr. Hudson reported The Town of Acton in response to the COVID-19 (Corona Virus) is currently following the guidance from the Acton Board of Health, Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the CDC regarding the virus and steps communities can take to prevent the spread. The Town Hall and Memorial Library are closed to the public.

Mr. Hudson called roll attendance:

Mr. Hudson - present

Ms. Cousins - present

Ms. Smith - present

Mr. Loria – present

II. Business

Business Discuss the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) Climate Action Plan proposal

Ms. Andrea Becerra summarized the individual feedback she received via email: 1) Aim for a November deadline; 2) Ensure equity is a big part of this Climate Action Plan; 3) Prepared to dive into a variety strategies, including nature-based strategies (other broad strategies include Scope 3 emissions; Newton’s Climate Action Plan addresses this; 4) Directly addresses the Climate Emergency Declaration.

Ms. Smith mentions that she thinks this is a good proposal. She thinks water needs to be mentioned because water is very important in Acton.

Ms. Cousins, reminds us to not get bogged down in the details of the goal. It’s about making sure that we are ok with the process. The actual details and tactics will be clearer as the months go on.

Mr. Loria made a comment to ensure actions are prioritize based on the emissions.

Mr. Hudson requests more understanding of what Phase 2 means; Ms. Becerra noted that Phase 2 is about diving deeper into the priorities that are identified in Phase 1, which is the MAPC scope.



Ms. Simes noted that the responsibility for developing the plan would fall on Ms. Becerra, not solely on the consulting firm. Ms. Simes asked for definition of working group and Ms. Becerra mentioned that the stakeholder mapping process to identify the working group is going to be an iterative process that MAPC will support with.

Ms. Kastens mentioned that resiliency should be a part of this.

Ms. Cousins reiterated the importance of also include resiliency..and wondering whether including resilience is critical for a CAP.

Ms. Kastens made the distinction between actions that would be good for the world vs. good for Acton; should come up with a plan that addresses the direct impacts to Acton

Ms. Smith made a motion to accept the plan.

Mr. Loria before

Mr. Hudson makes a motion that GAB authorize and support our Town Manager & Sustainability Director in the scope of work proposed by MAPC after consideration of the various points brought forward to Andrea

Ms. Cousins – Aye

Mr. Loria – Aye

Ms. Smith – Aye

Mr. Berry – Aye

we support John’s approval of the proposal by MAPC and we strongly encourage you to address the concerns and comments

Ms. Friedrichs is concerned about working with MAPC who has been in many MAPC meetings. There should be a do-something scenario and a do-nothing scenario.

Mr. Hudson moved to adjourn at 6:43:

Mr. Cousins - Second

Mr. Loria - Aye

Mr. Berry – Aye

The Board voted 4-0, motion carries; meeting adjourned