



**GREEN ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021
6:00 pm
*VIRTUAL MEETING***

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

Associate Member: Peter Berry

Selectmen Liaison: Jim Snyder-Grant

Sustainability Director: Andrea Becerra

Regional School Representative: Kate Crosby

6:03 Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:03PM 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

II. New/Special Business

Update from Sustainability Director

Monday at 6:00pm works for GAB Members for the second Monday of every month.

Projects and initiatives, including Green Communities Grant

Ms. Crosby notes that answers to the Green Communities questions are due tomorrow and the final report to Jane is due on Friday. There is a webinar coming up on February 11th with more information on the Green Communities grant. Ms. Becerra notes that April 9th is the first block of the application deadline and will therefore need to vote on how to proceed with the projects in the next meeting on March 8th. Ms. Smith states that she is interested in joining Green Communities discussion with Ms. Crosby and Ms. Becerra.

Ms. Becerra notes MAPC grant application for up to \$50,000 is due February 16– funding is for climate resilience. We're thinking of using it for support for the Climate Action Plan.



Mr. Hudson asks for an update on funding available for the CNI and Climate Action Plan
Ms. Becerra notes that we have \$35K slated for the Climate Action Plan. Ms. Becerra notes that she is doing research on what other Towns
Mr. Hudson notes that Climate Action Plan should be a recurring item on the agenda.
Mr. Berry notes that he would like to see a copy of the RFP.
Mr. Snyder-Grant notes that it makes sense to meet with the Sustainability Working Group in between meetings.
Ms. Cousins notes that it might be important to consider the make-up of the Sustainability Working Group.
Mr. Hudson notes that the next steps for 2021 is to identify the next steps for the CNI
Mr. Berry noted that before inviting others to the Sustainability Working Group we could talk about the purpose and role of the Sustainability Working Group.

Mass Energize Website for Acton (update on conversations with Green Newton and Wayland)

Mr. Snyder-Grant has collaborated with Ms. Smith on the various ideas and initiatives to upload to the MassEnergize site. Ms. Becerra will give the final ok on the list of actions that can live on the site. Mr. Hudson asked when could look at the skeleton. Mr. Snyder-Grant said could share screenshots or texts or the actions and, in some months, we would release the actions to the public. Mr. Dennis voiced that he could write about ground source and air sourced heat pumps.

Home Rule Petition to Ban Fossil Fuels on New Construction

Mr. Snyder-Grant notified that the Selectmen reviewed the concept, which will include a more formal review with GAB and review with Town staff in the lead-up to Town meeting. Before it comes back to the BOS it would be great for the GAB to review the latest version. Need to do that by Town Meeting.

Mr. Hudson moved to adjourn at 7:24
Mr. Smith - Second
Ms. Chandra - Aye
Ms. Cousins – Aye

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