

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

MONDAY, August 9, 2021

6:00 pm

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present: Eric Hudson, Mary Smith, Erik Larson (voted in as full member)

Select Board Liaison: Jim Snyder-Grant

Sustainability Director: Andrea Becerra

Regional School Representative: Kate Crosby

Visitor: Rob Gogan

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. Smith - present

Mr. Larson – present

Erik Larson voted in as full member

Mr. Hudson makes a motion to make Erik Larson a full member. Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

All those in favor

Mr. Hudson – aye

Ms. Smith – aye

Mr. Larson – aye

The motion carries 3-0; Erik Larson voted in as full member.

GAB Updates

Mr. Hudson requests adding “GAB Membership” as an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss chair role and member recruitment.

Resolution in Support of the Extended Producer Responsibility

Citizen, Rob Gogan, presented the Extended Producer Responsibility program. GAB members requested that Ms. Becerra work with the Department of Public Works and Rob Gogan to obtain the data to develop a draft EPR Resolution. GAB requested that Ms. Becerra add this item to the September agenda for further discussion on GAB recommendation.

Mr. Gogan shared his screen to go through resources from the following site:

<https://massrecycle.org/initiatives-events/massachusetts-product-stewardship-council/>

Request to sign Green Future Now Local Leadership letter

GAB received a request from Climate Xchange to sign a letter in support of the Green Future Act (H.3292). GAB members requested that Ms. Becerra send more information on Climate Xchange and links with information to the Act to learn more. GAB recognizes that they are not able to make an informed decision on whether to recommend or not recommend that the Town of Acton sign on to the letter by the August 11th deadline. GAB requests that Ms. Becerra research ways that the Town can be involved in future conversations around the Act. Ms. Smith suggests that the GAB could discuss drafting and signing a letter in support of the Act at the next meeting. Ms. Becerra shared her screen to share the following resources:

<https://www.greenfuturenowma.org/legislation>

<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1972>

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8Be43KhTmlqKGdFZEYDkLpftjgpcwCSZKq8ryu_G5ZmhlbPA/viewform

Climate Action Plan Update

Ms. Becerra updated GAB on workshops, including visioning workshop and thematic workshops (Nature-based solutions, Mobility, and Buildings & Energy). Ms. Smith recommends publishing an article on the Beacon to spotlight the October workshop. Mr. Hudson requests to speak with Ms. Becerra to learn more about the Town-led outreach efforts.

Meeting minutes to approve: April 12, 2021; May 3, 2021; May 10, 2021; May 20, 2021

Mr. Hudson moves to approve the aforementioned minutes subject to the correction of Peter Berry's last name, from "Barry" to "Berry."

Ms. Smith - second

Mr. Larson – aye

Ms. Smith – aye

Mr. Hudson – aye

The motion carries; the minutes are approved subject to the correction of Berry's last name.

Adjournment

Mr. Hudson moves to close meeting at 7:22PM:

Ms. Smith - Second

Mr. Larson – Aye

Mr. Hudson – aye

Ms. Smith – Aye

The Board voted 3-0, motion carries; meeting adjourned