



GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

6:00 pm

VIRTUAL MEETING

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

Associate Member: Erik Larson, Peter Berry

Select Board Liaison: Jim Snyder-Grant

Sustainability Director: Andrea Becerra

Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:04PM 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

Mr. Loria – present

Ms. Smith - present

I. Business

1. Chair position

Eric H. would like to start taking steps to consider a new chair; Mary S. mentions she would be happy to do it

2. Extended Producer Responsibility

Mary S. supports this; Eric H. also thinks it's great; Andrea is asked to work with Rob to develop a letter of recommendation from the GAB to the Select Board to vote for letter at a future meeting

3. Carbon Disclosure Project update

Mel A. provided an update on the CDP inputs and shared screen showing graph of GHG emissions; now that GHG emissions have been added to ICLEI platform and CDP platform it's easier to participate in other global initiatives keeping track of emissions.

4. Climate Action Plan updates

Provided an update on public workshops to collect input on strategies and an update on the outreach efforts to notify public about CAP events and opportunities to participate.

Provided an update on the MVP Action Grant funding for Electrification Roadmap & Climate Action Plan Phase 2 and mentioned there would be updates on this front soon.

5. Funding updates

- Provided an update on MVP Action Grant funding for Electrification Roadmap & Climate Action Plan Phase 2; Kate mentioned it would be great for GAB to send it through their channels
- The Town received \$7,500 from MassCEC to support e-bike share planning efforts

6. Abode—home & business electrification update

Andrea announced official launch of program and notified about upcoming webinar to launch this. Shared screen for everyone to see the Abode page; Eric H. asked about hot water heaters; Kate mentioned heat pump water heater and use 1/3 of the electricity of a regular water heater

7. Acton Power Choice

Andrea updated about APC GREEN campaign; Dennis L. wants an APC GREEN sign

II. Meeting minutes to approve

Mr. Hudson makes a motion to approve the minutes of July 12, 2021 and August 9, 2021:

Ms. Smith—seconds
Ms. Smith—aye
Mr. Loria – aye
Mr. Hudson – aye

The motion carries; the minutes of July and August 2021 are approved

III. Adjournment

Mr. Hudson makes a motion to close the meeting at 7:02PM

Ms. Smith -- seconds
Ms. Smith – aye
Mr. Loria – aye
Mr. Hudson -- aye

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