

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

MONDAY, December 13, 2021

6:00 pm

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present: Eric Hudson, Mary Smith, Dennis Loria, Peter Berry (Associate Member)

Sustainability Director: Andrea Becerra

Regional School Representative: Kate Crosby

Visitor: Partha Krishnan

Mary Smith called the meeting to order at 6:04PM with a quorum present via a virtual meeting via Zoom.us virtual platform with no Board Members in physical attendance.

1. Public Concerns

Partha Krishnan introduced himself and expressed interest in joining the Green Advisory Board.

2. GAB Updates

Andrea summarized a request to use Energy Efficiency funding to complete Acton Housing Authority appliance upgrades. This will be included as a topic for further discussion in the January 2022 meeting.

3. Extended Producer Responsibility letter review

At the request of the GAB, Andrea B. drafted a letter to demonstrate support for the EPR legislation. The letter was shared on the screen and was also included in the meeting documents.

Eric Hudson demonstrated support for the EPR letter; Mary Smith also expressed support; the GAB has agreed to review to provide comments on the letter directly to Andrea B. to present at the January GAB meeting.

4. Updating the GAB charter

Andrea B. suggests updating the GAB charter to incorporate a scope that reflects the work that GAB currently undertakes.

5. Recruiting more GAB members

Mary Smith identifies that there is one vacancy open in the GAB membership and that the process has to be done via the volunteer committee; Partha K. noted his interest in joining the GAB; Eric H. noted that outreach might not be necessary; Kate C., Eric H., and Mary S. noted interest in having Partha join the GAB.

6. Climate Action Plan update

Andrea B. provided an update on the CAP process: Draft set of strategies have been published on the CAP Updates Blog; Andrea B & MAPC will present draft CAP Blueprint before the Select Board on 12/21; an update was provided on Phase II of the CAP which will begin in 2022; noted Kate C. and student's involvement in the process

Eric H. requested an outlook invite for the Select Board meeting.

Kate C. provided an update on the Electrification Roadmap to electrify seven ABRSD and Town buildings; 10 proposals received; a contract was offered to Salas O'Brien after undergoing a scoring process with Kate C., JD Head, Mark Hald, and Andrea Becerra; Kate C. summarized Salas O'Brien's experience

7. Abode update

Andrea B. provided an update on the Ground Source Heat Pump webinar and an update on renewing Abode contract.

8. Community Connections Program: letter of support 9.

Andrea B. summarized funding opportunity to support transportation initiatives; one of the only funding opportunities Acton qualifies for is bike parking infrastructure; rail trail and near commuter lot; Andrea B. put together a support letter for the GAB; members reviewed the letter; Eric H. thinks the project makes sense and loves it; Mary Smith noted support;

Dennis L. makes a motion to approve the letter and submit to the application

Eric Hudson -- second

Mary Smith – aye

Eric Hudson – aye

Dennis Loria – aye

Adjournment

Dennis L moves to close meeting at 7:07 PM:

Eric H. - Second

Dennis L. – Aye

Mary S. – aye

Eric H. – Aye

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