

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

MONDAY, January 10, 2022

6:00 pm

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present: Mary Smith, Cameren Cousins, Eric Hudson, Dennis Loria, Peter Berry, Erik Larson

Sustainability Director: Andrea Becerra

Regional School Representative: Kate Crosby

Visitor: Kelley Cronin

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

1. Public Concerns

Cameren read the letter from the AB High school students asking to present on the new Acton Power Choice contract in February. Their item will be added to the

2. Extended Producer Responsibility letter review

Eric Hudson reviewed the final letter that was drafted and shared at the previous meeting – Andrea B. shared the latest version of the letter with GAB members during the meeting.

Dennis makes a motion to approved the letter with the edits shown at the GAB and to send it to the Select Board.

- Cameren – second
- Mary – all in favor:
- Eric H. – aye
- Mary – aye
- Cameren – aye
- Dennis – aye

Erik L. also offered support for the letter.

3. Climate Action Plan update

Summarized the latest updates to the Climate Action Plan – Blueprint is considered a live document that will inform Phase II. Andrea B. shared the Request for Quotes for a consultant that will be sent out through the Statewide Bid List, reading through the list of deliverables.

Eric H. noted that he would like to review the RFQ and provide comments the following day.

Mary S. noted that the CAP could be shared more publicly to alert people about the issue and Blueprint.

Cameren suggested one-pager for each section to make the Blueprint more digestible. Cameren also noted that the RFQ includes a broad scope for a \$45K proposal and wondered whether it's enough to cover Phase II. Andrea B. noted that MAPC will continue to support with the community engagement and consultants will only be expected to conduct the technical components of the CAP.

Peter B. noted that it's not surprising that people might not know about this; but certainly, any efforts would be helpful. Peter B. asked for the list of consultants –Andrea shared a link to the Statewide contract link listing the statewide-approved consultants.

Eric H. asked for clarification on what the consultants will be doing; Andrea B. noted that they will be conducting a cost-benefit analysis.

Andrea B. asked if any GAB members would be interested in serving on a committee to select the consultant for Phase II; Mary and Dennis volunteered to serve on the committee.

4. AHA Energy Efficiency Funds

Kelley Cronin summarized the Acton Housing Authority role and needs, including financial needs to replace aging appliances. Andrea B. shared table listing refrigerators and ovens requiring replacement in Year 1 and then in Year 2. Andrea B. spoke with Eversource – they will cover the entire cost of replacing old refrigerators. For the stoves, Andrea B. noted that Eversource had mentioned there could be an incentive for an induction stove within 3 years, but this funding is currently not available. Andrea B. noted that it might make sense to replace stoves that are oldest first and hope that in Year 2 Eversource will provide funding to cover the cost of induction stove.

Debra S. asked whether the stoves would be electric – Kelley C. confirmed that all the stoves would be electric. Debra & Kate recommended options for receiving low-cost induction stove pans.

Cameren C. mentioned this is a great example of supporting climate equity goals.

Mary S. made a motion to support the use of Energy Efficiency funds for the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances for Year 1 for the Acton Housing Authority.

- Eric H. – second

All in Favor:

- Eric H. – aye
- Cameren C. – aye
- Mary S. – aye
- Dennis L. – aye

The motion passes

7. Electric vehicle police department

Andrea B. summarized interest for police to purchase Mache-E as their first fully electric vehicle and possibility of applying funds from a sustainability article. Cameren asked whether we would pay for the entire vehicle; Dennis mentioned we could pay for the car and the police could pay to outfit it; Erik L. asked if there would be an opportunity to build this into the next Green Communities funding (Andrea B. mentioned that the next Green Communities round may be applied towards a building electrification

project); Kate C. asked whether they could tie this into a vehicle replacement; Mary S. agreed with this; Andrea B. will report back with answers from the PD on this; Eric H. concluded that the GAB supports this if it entails a fuel switch; Mary S. added that it would be nice to know if they would be willing to also share the costs; Andrea B. noted that she would report back on the police

8. October 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mary S. makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes from October 18, 2021

- Eric H. – second

All in favor:

- Dennis L. – Aye
- Mary S. – Aye
- Cameren C. – Aye

The motion passes.

9. Adjournment

Mary S. moves to close meeting at 7:29 PM:

- Dennis L. – Second

All in favor:

- Dennis L. – Aye
- Mary S. – aye
- Eric H. – Aye
- Cameren C. -- Aye

The motion carries; meeting adjourned