

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

MONDAY, March 14, 2022

6:00 pm

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present: Mary Smith, Erik Larson, Cameren Cousins, Peter Berry, Partha Krishnan
Sustainability Director: Andrea Becerra
Regional School Representative: Kate Crosby
Police Department: Jon Stackhouse
Visitor: Debra Simes

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. Mary Smith made a motion to promote Erik Larson from Associate Member to Member to fulfill the quorum (those in favor: Cameren-aye, Mary-aye, Erik L.- aye; and the motion passed 3-0).

1. Public Concerns

No public concerns.

2. Budget (and police EV)

Andrea B. shared the proposed sustainability budget to allocate Energy Efficiency funding and sustainability articles passed at Town meetings in 2020 and 2021. Andrea proposed pulling funding from the sustainability budget to support the purchase of a police Mustang Mache-E, which would be partly funded by a state fund (\$7,500) and the police department (\$11,000).

The Green Advisory \$30,905 towards the purchase of an electric vehicle (Mustang Mache-E), which will be marked, and will replace a combustion-powered vehicle through a one-time grant to kickstart the purchase of electric vehicles in the municipal fleet.

- Mary S. makes a motion to approve the proposal
- All in favor: Cameren (aye), Mary (aye), Erik (aye)
- The motion passes 3-0

3. Acton Power Choice

Cameren provided an update on the Acton Power Choice program process for updating the contract; Cameren will draft a letter to send on behalf of the Green Advisory Board to the Select Board. The letter would be reviewed at the next meeting. Andrea B. recommends watching the presentation Paul Gromer gave to the Select Board and reviewing the presentation developed by Peregrine in the meeting folder documents.

4. Ban the Bag and More (Polystyrene and Disposable Plastic Reduction Bylaw and An Act Authorizing the Town of Acton to Establish a Minimum Charge for a Checkout Bag Home Rule Petition)

Peter B. presented the two articles Ban the Bag & More is asking GAB to support: 1. Polystyrene and Disposable Plastic Reduction Bylaw; and, 2. An Act Authorizing the Town of Acton to Establish a Minimum Charge for a Checkout Bag Home Rule Petition. The presentation was included in the meeting folder documents.

5. DOER Straw Proposal – comments submission

Comments are due March 18th –Andrea B. shared screen showing letter to call for the specialized opt-in code to align with the home rule petition passed at the Town of Acton Town Meeting in 2021, calling for all new construction and major retrofits to be fully electric, with exceptions as appropriate.

Mary makes a motion for the GAB to support and sign the letter on behalf of the GAB (Cameren seconds; all those in favor: Erik-aye, Mary-aye, Cameren-aye)

6. Earth Day

Notified GAB that Town of Acton is working with Natural Resources Department and DPW to plant a tree in NARA Park and PSF.

7. Climate Change update

Andrea B. provided an update on the CAP workshops – notified about the next workshop taking place on March 30, 12-1:15PM.

8. Erik Larson – DPW Study Committee

First meeting hasn't occurred yet – an update is upcoming.

9. Minutes to approve: December 13, 2021

Mary makes a motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2021; (Cameren-seconds; all in favor Cameren-aye, Mary-aye, Erik L. aye; the motion is approved, and the meeting minutes are passed)

Closing

Mary makes a motion to close the meeting at 6:35; Cameren-seconds; all those in favor: Cameren-aye, Mary-aye, Erik- aye; the motion passes, the meeting is closed