

GAB 9/30/09

Minutes 9/30/09

1. Meeting called to order at 6:18 PM
2. Present – Kate Crosby, Chris Schaffner, Tom Michelman (6:20), Paulina Knibbe, Terry Lindgren (until 7:35), John Murray (until 7:10 PM), Eric Hudson. Minutes by Chris Schaffner.
3. Minutes from 9/9 meeting approved unanimously.
4. RFP for solar PPA – town negotiating with vendor. No ground mounts accepted. Roof DPW building. 88000 kWh/year. Award expected tomorrow.
5. Schools – decision coming soon. Will be presented at the October Regional/APS Joint meeting.

Note: Green Communities Act folks are willing to provide a review of a contract.

6. Landfill discussion -

One proposer offered to lease the closed landfill for a PV installation. But this was not a PPA, but a lease. ~1 MW capacity.

There will be a new RFP to allow solar at *the* landfill.

Technical issues:

- No piercing of cap.
- The cap settles

Political issues will come after the proposals come in.

7. Grant Opportunity – due October 30

John may need help with a deep retro-fit grant, but more help on an energy education grant. Chris wants to pursue the education grant. Paulina thinks that the Stretch Code needs the most education, if it is going to be accepted by the Town Meeting. Community Meeting.

Opportunities Deep Energy – town hall. Education - Green Advisory Board –

Consensus: Chris and John to work education around stretch Code, foot printing, educating Green Advisory Board, town staff, public. Issue of Staff labor discussed.

Action Item Report back what grant opportunities available for education next meeting.

8. Foot printing Update: Selectmen approved funding. Schools commit \$500 as well. EPA portfolio manager. Scheduling start up meeting. \$2000 for an intern for Benchmarking backfilling the EPA Portfolio Manager. Chris has data from Dean C. Intern will come to a Monday meeting. To start the 102 hours of work.

9. BoSelectmen's update –

- Panel discussion and presentation, January.
- Stretch code discussion. Paulina wants our help.
- Voted to join the EPA Challenge Grant.
- Looking into expedited zoning
- Looking if Acton's method for buying fuel efficient cars is sufficient to pass muster
- Benchmarking is underway
- Adopt the Stretch Code

To get technical help on Stretch Code need to define a region to DOER. Paulina is recruiting towns, but thinks the DOER technical assistance will be unavailable until early 2010. Plan may be to have a forum. Local Builder, Architect, expert on stretch code, and Acton Building inspector. Could get someone from BBRB.  
Paul Gabre (local builder who is committed to doing green integrated actions).  
We need to coordinate with Kelly Brown (will be new expert on code).

Action item: set a date. Generate material. Recruit architect, builder, inspector, Chris to check with BSA.  
Chris suggests the stretch code from the Boston Society of Architects.  
Paulina suggests Kelly Brown from DOER.  
Could have both of these.

Regional Meeting with Westford is being deferred pending Senator Eldridge regional meeting on energy issues.

SRECs – Solar set-aside for RECs are moving forward.

10. Discussion of ICLEI – Yes to EPA, not quite ready to join ICLEI. Could educate the Board on ICLEI benefits. Paulina has concern over EPA Energy Manager and ICLEI at the same time for benchmarking. No intention to move quickly on the ICLEI software. Kate notes that joining ICLEI gets us access to lots of resources and be worth far more than \$600.

Kate will work to get an ICLEI representative out for a presentation to the BoS October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM