

GAB Notes 10.14.09

In attendance Mary, Chris, Kate, Eric, & Tom

Approval of Minutes from the 9/30/09.

At 6:15 GAB begins to go over several items

Next Monday – meeting with Board of Selectman. 8:30. Chris and Eric will seek to be there.

Kelly Brown , Mid state rep for DOER started working today.

Down a member on the committee – Associate Carol. Kate has recruited Dennis Loria. GAB is interested in Dennis and gives Kate the go ahead to propose him BOS.

The board discusses terms and the need to set terms of the members.

Tom updates GAB on his meeting with Net Metering Proceeding. Relevant to Acton as the excess supplies created by panels on one building can not assign it to another Acton building or account until the rules are ratified.

350.org email inviting us to rally in Concord on Oct 24th. Meet in Acton at 12PM in town hall.

Set Meetings in 2010. Every three weeks will be established. Next meetings are in 7PM.

Solar PV Update

John has been in labor meetings; so busy. Proposal has been rewarded to Nexamp. Now in negotiation period.

75 KW on the dpw building. 5% of the town usage. 70% of DPW usage. About 11K a year savings.

Grant

Kate discusses EECEBG Block grant. 80% out in subgrants to go to shovel-ready projects. Kate confirms this solar on LFs is appropriate.

PV on Landfill

Holliston / Fairhaven are putting solar installments on landfills.

Chris reports on meeting at Green Acton meeting. They were all excited about it. The group discusses what the reaction of GAB and Paulina to this topic was last meeting. Kate reports that John has sent out an RFP regarding this. Chris. This will equip us to present something. Tom – mentions that you are using equity if you are engaging the process without having it passed yet.

Tom suggest an indicative price. Non-binding quote.

John will communicate with Paulina that he is beginning the RFP process.

Benchmark

Kate updates. \$2K committed for an intern. Professor and intern want to come down to have a meeting. John says Kate should meet with Dean and JD.

Chris – set of spreadsheets – 09 (ending May of 09) and 08 and 10.

Kate summarizes EPA Benchmarking (Municipal & Building Focused)/, ICLEI (townwide/emissions focused). Green Acton, chris discusses, are also interested in benchmarking.

ICLEI can not come out to train.

Tom take steps with Stretch Code. Steps with Benchmark. Prove our worth.

Kate - ICLEI is a great support system. All – we are not going to engage town staff to populate.

Mary – if there is pushback on ICLEI, let's let it rest for a couple of months.

As the appointed board, can we be the main contact user of ICLEI vs. requiring town staff to do it?

- we need to reexplain the gc act.
- One of them is benchmarking.
 - o One way to getting this is Benchmarking.
- In addition to enhance our benchmarking and reduction efforts we want to join ICLEI. Provides benchmarking beyond municipal buildings like transportation. In the future, we will want to look at the total town footprint, and a lot of looking at education and networking. GAB can be the asset here for the town with the ICLEI tool.

Education Grant

Chris reports that we still have a few weeks and that his wife may be willing. Potential to get a grant for GAB outreach. Town is also going for a grant for deep retrofits.

Stretch Code

Kate - Have a public forum as soon as possible. January – need a specific date. Culminating with a vote in BOS.

Chris- To sell to town - Need other towns that have done this. 103 have committed to it. Pot of gold for GC towns is \$10M a year.

EPA regional effort by Paulina.

EDC and Chamber of Commerce are going to contact constituencies. Need panel, architect, builder, etc as discussed in last meeting. Speaker – Chris is seeking Architect, BSA.

Chris is seeking local builder the panel in January.
Town building inspector and architect – easy to come by. Discuss with John at next meeting to secure building inspector. Chris Dalmus – Eric to contact to ask if he is an advocate for SC.

Date and a room for public hearing.

Dog and Pony Show

Zoning Board of Appeals - Chris

Planning Board - Chris

Finance Committee - Tom

EDC- Tom

Acton Conservation Trust - Mary / Kate

Chamber of Commerce – Mary / Kate

League of Woman Voters – Mary / Kate

Conservation Commission – Mary / Kate

School Committee – Terry

Each Contact will contact each organization to gain

GAB Oversight Meeting.

Active on Solar PV

Looking at Stretch Code. GCA

Currently working with them on educating.

This is our charge. Here is the committee

What have we accomplished, what is in process, what are our goals.

Long-term goal, townwide benchmarking – to identify Carbon reduction and cost reductions for the town and acton community.

8:30pm meeting adjourned