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DECEMBER 19, 2016
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Hudson, Cameren Cousins, Mary Smith
RECORDING SECRETARY: Kim Gorman
MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES SUPERINTENDENT: Andrea Ristine
ACTON SELECTMEN: Peter Berry
REGIONAL SCHOOL ENERGY MANAGER: Kate Crosby
VISITOR: Jim Snyder-Grant

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6:35 Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Mr. Hudson moved to approve the minutes of November 14, 2016; Ms. Cousins 2nd; unanimous.

Discussion – Natural Gas Alternatives and preparing a greenhouse gas reduction plan

Mr. Berry discussed implementing a plan for the Town as presented by Mr. Jim Synder-Grant, from Acton Green Committee.

Mr. Snyder-Grant gave a presentation on a 3-step carbon/greenhouse gas reduction plan. He shared what he had presented to the Board of Selectmen regarding split system heat pumps as an alternative to natural gas for home owners.

Mr. Hudson discussed mapping out activities and goals with the Green Acton Committee. Board members also suggested inviting the Corey York, DPW Director to a future meeting to discuss the plan.

Discussion - Solar Canopy Proposal - Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)

Mr. Berry stated the Board of Selectmen (BOS) is discussing this item tonight at their meeting. The Historic District Commission (HDC) opposes the proposed solar canopy at the Railroad Street parking area. The Board briefly discussed the next steps for tracking the solar on buildings, locations and any HDC issues.

The Board placed further discussions of this topic on the next agenda.

7:57 Mr. Berry departed to attend the Selectmen's meeting.

Update - Main Street Master Plan

Ms. Cousins stated there is no update at this time, her next master plan committee meeting is January 17th.

Discussion - Green Advisory Board Annual Report 2016

Board members discussed on what areas need to be updated; possibly explore charging stations. The 2015 Annual Report is a great shell to work from. Ms. Cousins stated she would proof the 2016 report.

Discussion - Green Communities Annual Report 2016

Ms. Ristine and Ms. Crosby stated the annual report was completed and filed on December 5, 2016. Ms. Crosby explained and explored the spreadsheets in what information and data is compiled in and discussed imputing information into Portfolio Manager, and converting Mass Energy Insight (MEI) next year.

Discussion – Charging Stations

The Board briefly discussed potential options for electric cars and charging stations. The Board placed further discussions of this topic on the next agenda.

January 9, 2017 Agenda Items

Green Acton Plan
Main Street Master Plan
Charging Stations
Solar Canopy Proposal
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Solidify Green Communities Grant Project List

7:40 Meeting adjourned.



Eric Hudson
Chair



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Discuss - Natural Gas Alternatives and preparing a greenhouse gas reduction plan – P. Berry **(010)**

Update - Main Street Master Planning Committee - C. Cousins

Discuss – Green Advisory Board Annual Report 2016
Last year's 2015 report **(020)**

Discuss – Green Community Annual Report as submitted 12-5-2016 rev. 12-6 **(030)**

Discuss - Charging Stations

Discuss - Solar Canopy Proposal - Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

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