

5/19/10 GAB Notes

Meeting begins at 6:10pm.

In attendance: Kate, Terry, and Eric Hudson, Chris Schaffner

Visitors: Janet Adachi. Ahmed Hilma.

Green Communities and Grant Application submission

Submission for Green Communities was made May 14. Kate had a conversation with Kelly Brown our regional representative of Green Communities Program on May 19 and they are in consideration of applications.

Need to Present application to the BOS and School Committee. Need to get the benchmark out into people's hands.

Expect to hear as to whether we are accepted into the Green Community the middle of next week. If accepted, we will need to submit the grant application by the end of May.

40 towns passed stretch code; not all will be/can apply to be a Mass "green community."

Grant Applications Prospects:

- Heating System at RJ Gray. Around \$800K
 - o Engineering evaluations are being performed.
 - o Savings would be substantial to current broken system.
- Library Energy Efficiency Measure Upgrades.
 - o Dry cooler
- Town Hall Windows.
 - o 50% of funding from CPA.
- Town Hall.
 - o Radiant heating for ground floor.
- End User Education Program.

DOER uses the following criteria in their consideration of grant applications:

1. Viability. Engineering studies.
2. Energy use reduction.

Natural Gas – more Dense. Reductions in NG are more valuable to DOER whereas electricity is more expensive and likely more valuable to town

All Grant Apps will be in next Friday.

GAB Goals for "After Prospective Success with Green Communities and Grant"

Assist implementation of Prospective funding

Alternative Fueling for Acton's "public" Automobiles.

- CNG Filing system on waste treatment facility.
- Bids are going out in December.

Recycling/Composting

Solar Installations landfill, waste water treatment, Private

Schools:
100KWH
100KWH
100KWH
375KWH

Waste Water Treatment 450KW 2012.
Landfill ??

Private Lands. WR Grace Land. John Murray. Reference WR Grace land. Janet will reach out to Paulina.

Discuss Cap on the landfill.

Transition Town

Group discusses how this may be beyond practically viable. Needs to be explored further.

Local – Homeowners to reduce their imprint

PACE

Home improvement financing for homeowners to make their house's more efficient. Financing stays with the house, not with the current owner.

Strategize Constitution of Alt Energy Fund and its allocation

Discuss need to educate and reinvest in future savings. Member of BOS, School, Finance, make plan for what to do with the savings... There will be many hands coming for the \$\$ savings generated through the advances in energy efficiencies.

Alternative Energy Savings – need to be earmarked for future Alternative Energy initiatives

Prospective Fund Allocations

- Schools
- Free Cash Flow for The Town
- Alternative Energy Investments

Meeting adjourns 7:30