



GREEN ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

6:30 PM

ACTON TOWN HALL - ROOM 126

472 MAIN STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Hudson, Cameren Cousins, Dennis Loria, Mary Smith

RECORDING SECRETARY: Kim Gorman

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES SUPERINTENDENT: Andrea Ristine

ACTON SELECTMEN: Peter Berry

REGIONAL SCHOOL ENERGY MANAGER: Kate Crosby

VISITORS: Paul Gromer, Judith Aronstein

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6:34 Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order.

Mr. Hudson thanked Mr. Berry and the Board of Selectmen for obtaining the funds for the Board to seek a consultant and work to create a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a study on Carbon Neutrality. Ms. Smith stated she had to leave at 7:00pm and if the Board could discuss Carbon Neutrality Study first.

Discussion – *Carbon Neutrality Study*

Board members discussed their concerns and working to hire a consultant to compile all the data, develop inventory, involve the community and work toward a goal to help with carbon assessment. Board members stated they will reach out to other Towns to speak at our next meeting.

Ms. Mary Smith left the meeting at 7:15pm.

Discussion – *Mothers Out Front – Gas Leaks*

Ms. Jude Aronstein, a member from Mothers Out Front Organization Acton, was present to discuss some background information and history, introduction of Mothers Out Front Acton and their current campaign on gas leak tagging event and working with the Board.

Ms. Aronstein stated in March 2018, the organization is planning an event to have volunteers for their Mothers Out Front Tagging event.

The Board members thanked Ms. Aronstein for speaking to the Board and Mr. Hudson will reach out for more information.

Mr. Peter Berry left the meeting.

Discussion – Carbon Neutrality Study

Mr. Paul Gromer, of Peregrine Energy discussed his recent projects for the City of Cambridge and Town of Lexington and the potential of prioritizing energy data in Acton by creating an inventory of targeted information such as emissions, building stock (offices/labs/homes) the buildings' age and type of fuels used and create a prioritized list.

Board members discussed soliciting a Request for Proposal (RFP) and have Peregrine Energy help with the RFP and locate a consultant for transportation information.

Mr. Loria stated he will contact MAPC for tools and transportation data information, ask Peregrine for a proposal and reach out to the Town of Lexington to speak at the next meeting.

Ms. Cousins stated she will reach out to the Town of Concord to speak at the next meeting.

Discussion – Update Main Street Master Plan Committee

Ms. Cousins stated the committee is working on financial numbers with the staff liaison; Mr. Matthew Selby.

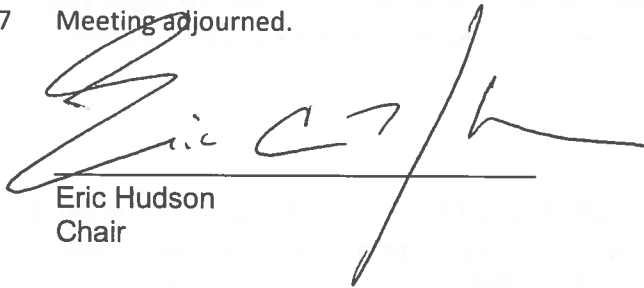
Ms. Cousins briefly discussed sustainability policy about carbon language.

Comments to be given to Mr. Jim Snyder-Grant and Ms. Debra Simes by October 20, 2017 and if the item could be placed on the next meeting agenda to discuss.

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Ms. Cousins moved to approve the minutes of August 14, 2017; Ms. Loria 2nd; unanimous.

8:37 Meeting adjourned.



Eric Hudson
Chair



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AGENDA

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Discussions:

- Mothers Out Front – Gas Leaks
- Carbon Neutrality Study
- Update - Main Street Master Plan Committee

Minutes – August 14, 2017

Next Meeting – October 16