



GREEN ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021
6:30 pm
VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present: Eric Hudson, Cameren Cousins, Mary Smith

Associate Member: Peter Berry, Erik Larson

Select Board Liaison: Jim Snyder-Grant

Sustainability Director: Andrea Becerra

Regional School Representative: Kate Crosby

Visitors: Debra Simes

Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:32PM via a virtual meeting with no Board Members in physical attendance are using the via Zoom.us virtual meeting platform. Mr. Hudson reported The Town of Acton in response to the COVID-19 (Corona Virus) is currently following the guidance from the Acton Board of Health, Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the CDC regarding the virus and steps communities can take to prevent the spread. The Town Hall and Memorial Library are closed to the public.

Mr. Hudson called roll attendance:

Mr. Hudson - present

Ms. Cousins - present

Ms. Smith - present

GAB Business

Ms. Mona needs to step down from GAB. She's been a great member of the team –she regrets that she has to step down.

Mr. Hudson notes that he will recuse himself during the conversation on the Low-Income solar discussion. He will not speak but will listen.

Mr. Larson and Ms. Smith need support from IT. Ms. Becerra will put them in touch with IT.

Climate Action Plan: next steps with MAPC

Ms. Becerra shared the final contract scope with MAPC. She provided an update of the possible structure of the advisory group for the Climate Action planning process; she notified that MAPC will present at the Select Board meeting

Low Income Community Solar opportunity

Ms. Cousins noted that it would be great for the low-income solar to also have the added benefit of getting more customers on APC Green to see if we can get a little more carbon reduction.

Ms. Smith noted concern around the length of a 20-year contract.



Ms. Simes noted that if we enter into this we can look at an adder. The contract with Constellation remains for another year and a half.

Ms. Smith added that it's important for Mr. Loria to be included in the process because he has a lot of experience in this area.

Clean Energy Home Rule Petition

Ms. Becerra updated them and shared the draft of the Clean Energy Home Rule Petition that Mr. Snyder-Grant is leading.

MVP Action Grant

Ms. Crosby provided an update on the Green Communities grant process.

Ms. Crosby also provided updated on the application Town of Acton and Acton-Boxborough Regional School District (ABRSD) are submitting for support on the Climate Action Plan and an engineering assessment to electrify the most energy-intensive buildings in both the Town of Acton and ABRSD.

Ms. Cousins mentioned that Luisa May electrified their home—get their feedback on how geothermal went for them. She says that 468 Main St. could be open to the public as an example of an electrified building.

Adjournment

Mr. Hudson moved to adjourn at 7:55PM:

Ms. Smith - Second

Mr. Cousins - Aye

Mr. Hudson- Aye

The Board voted 4-0, motion carries; meeting adjourned