

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – JULY 11th, 2023 – 6:00pm
Virtual Meeting

GAB Members Attending: Mary Smith (Chair), Erik Larson, Partha Krishnan, Dennis Loria

Town Staff Attending: Andrea Becerra, Hannah Arledge, Lauren West

Guests: Danny Factor, Terra Friedrichs

6:00pm – Mary Smith calls the meeting to order, with a quorum present, via a virtual meeting with no Board Members in physical attendance, using the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Mary reads the disclaimer for a Zoom meeting.

1. Resident Concerns
 - a. None
2. GAB Updates
 - a. Mary updates that the Town thanked the Garden Club for agreeing to work on space in front of Town Hall. The Garden Club is concerned at the prospect of adding a water fountain to this space as it may send a poor message regarding water use and conservation.
 - b. Andrea mentions Energize Acton is hosting a series of “Climate Cafés” including one on July 12th from 5-6pm at the Acton Memorial Library where attendees can meet a volunteer Clean Energy Coach. The following week will be an EV Petting Zoo. Andrea will share a flyer advertising the entire series.
3. Green Acton – Acton Tree/Land Clearing Limit Bylaw Draft
 - a. Danny Factor presents on behalf of Green Acton on Tree/Land Clearing Bylaw. Bylaw aims to reduce climate impacts by preserving trees and their environmental benefits.
 - b. A resolution was passed in Town Meeting 2022 stating that the Select Board should bring land/tree clearing limits to Town Meeting for vote. Green Acton is seeking Select Board and GAB support by Town Meeting 2024.
 - c. Options for regulation could include policy, bylaw, and building regulations.
 - d. GAB will review and discuss presentation to provide feedback at following meeting.
4. Climate Action Plan Tracker & Annual Update
 - a. New Climate Action Tracker created by Sustainability Fellows Lauren and Hannah. Will be presented at Climate Action Plan Annual Update event on Tuesday, July 25th at 7:00pm on Zoom.
 - b. The Climate Action Plan Tracker provides updates on the actions highlighted on Acton’s Climate Action Plan. It is an active website which shows a summary of

Acton's progress and more detailed information on actions coming soon, in progress, and completed.

- c. Link will be sent once the site is published. The sustainability office will be creating an Acton TV video to promote the tracker.
- d. Andrea will share data on EVs in Acton.

5. Mary suggests meeting next month will need to be virtual because meeting space is not available.
6. Meeting Minutes: May 2023, June 2023
 - a. Mary makes a motion to approve the May and June minutes as recorded by Cameren. Erik Larson makes a nomination to accept both May and June minutes. Partha seconds the nomination. Minutes are approved by Mary, Erik and Dennis.

7:46pm - Mary makes a motion to close the meeting. Eric seconded. All members unanimously in favor.