



**GREEN ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2020
6:30 PM
ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY - MEETING ROOM
486 MAIN STREET**

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Mona Chandra

RECORDING SECRETARY: Kim Gorman

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES SUPERINTENDENT: Andrea Ristine

REGIONAL SCHOOL ENERGY ADVISOR: Kate Crosby

VISITORS: Judith Aronstein, Mike Boss

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6:31 Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order.

House H.2849/S.1940 Future Resolution, Act for Utility Transition to Renewable Energy
Memo sent to Board Selectmen (010)

The Board thanked Ms. Smith for composing the letter of endorsement/recommendation of support of the House Bill; letter was sent to the Board's liaison Selectman Peter Berry.

Ms. Smith reported she had given full support to the Mothers Out Front pertaining to the gas leaks. However the Bill, as currently drafted, approving/supporting the Bill in its entirety is not recommended due to the fact that substitutes for thermal energy technologies are still in the early stages of development, there are many new technologies that are being developed that will meet the need for elimination of fossil emissions. There will likely be more choices to eliminate fossil emissions and are likely to be priced more affordably to the public.

Ms. Judi Aronstein stated that she reviewed the letter with others and provided some suggestions.

Carbon Neutrality Initiative (CNI) - Discussion

Mr. Hudson recapped information for Ms. Chanda and Ms. Smith to be brought up to date from the previous meeting.

Mr. Hudson suggested the Board to prioritize top 15 items that can be worked on toward the CNI without a consultant. Review public reports from other towns and identify what monies were expended on and work with Town Manager and Board of Selectmen to request more funding. Ms. Cousins stated she will review what other towns are doing. Ms. Chandra will review grant stationary initiatives, utility initiatives

and reach out to Eversource. Mr. Hudson and Mr. Loria will reach out to Mr. Berry and Mr. Benson for advice.

Board members will further discuss, share their findings and prioritize at the next meeting.

Town Annual Report – Green Advisory Board (020)

The Board reviewed the draft annual town report, minor edits were made, Ms. Crosby noted one addition minor edit.

Mr. Hudson moved to approve the Green Advisory Board Annual Town Report as discussed at this meeting, Mr. Loria 2nd; unanimous.

Green Community Annual Report – Discussion (030)

Board members discussed the report and would like to obtain a projector to be able to place the spreadsheets on the wall and be able to view all the spreadsheets together and review further at the next meeting.

8:03 Mary Smith departed.

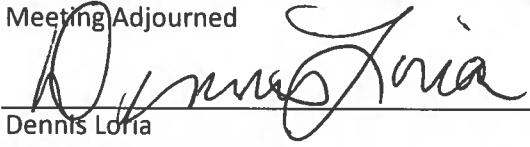
Minutes

Mr. Hudson moved to accept the minutes for November 18, 2019 and December 9, 2019, Ms. Cousins 2nd; unanimous.

Next Meeting – February 10, 2020

- Carbon Neutrality Initiative – Top 15 list
- Review 2019 Green Communities Annual Report - DOER Tables 2 & 3
- Minutes – 01/13/2020

8:07 Meeting Adjourned


Dennis Loria
Vice Chair (Acting Chair)



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II. Minutes -

November 18, 2019

December 8, 2019

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