



Minutes

Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 7:00 pm

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In Attendance

Joyce Losick-Yang

Jon Unger *

Amy Latva-Kokko *

Harry Voorhees *

Maria Bartlett *

Willow Cheeley *

Beth Rasmussen *

Melanie Cutler *

Brad Weeden

Jim Leahy

Mary Pritchard

1. Approved motion to recognize Anil Navkal's extensive contributions to AGAB and to energy reduction and other environmental sustainability efforts in Andover. Amy will write up a thank-you message. **YES - 7, NO - 0, ABSTAIN - 0**
2. Approve December 15, 2021 meeting minutes ([link](#))
Motion to approve the minutes from the December **YES - 6, NO - 0, ABSTAIN - 1**
3. AHS Environmental Sustainability Internship Course update ([link](#)) (Melanie)
Updated the group on the sustainability projects being worked on by Andover High School students
4. Sustainability Coordinator's report (Joyce)
 - a. Sierra Club Municipal Climate Action Database ([link](#))
 - i. Sierra Club has been measuring and tracking climate actions taken by different towns

- ii. Lots of information is available in the database
 - 1. Contact information for sustainability coordinators in each town
 - 2. Information about town committees
 - 3. Climate actions (energy programs, transportation programs, building programs, waste and toxics programs, environmental justice)
 - 4. Is the town a designated Green Community
 - iii. Database is searchable
- b. Newsletter
 - i. Joyce is working on the first monthly issue of her sustainability newsletter (electronic). Hoping to publish soon.
- c. Climate Summit planning
 - i. Working with WECAN, Tony Collins, Jon Unger, Candy Dann on planning Andover's first climate summit.
 - ii. Developing a website to help publicize the event.
 - iii. Students from AHS and Phillips Academy will help plan and participate in the event.
 - iv. Dates: April 8 (plenary session) and April 9 (community workshop, rally)
 - v. AGAB can help volunteer: moderators, moderate break outs for the workshops
 - vi. Capped at 100 attendees
- d. Abode Energy meeting debrief
 - i. Will be tabled until next regular meeting.
- 5. Town 2022 sustainability goals discussion ([brainstorming doc](#))
 - a. Next AGAB meeting, in 1 week, will be with town management and departments to establish sustainability goals
 - b. AGAB members contributed ideas to a brainstorming document
 - c. Need to categorize and narrow down priorities
 - i. Climate, biodiversity, waste (hazardous and non), water, air
 - d. Organize by short-term and long-term goals
 - e. WECAN plans to lead an effort to submit a private warrant article re emergency climate declaration, but too little time to prepare for this spring's Town Meeting. It's a process that should involve many stakeholders and time to construct a statement that best reflects the thoughts of those involved.
 - f. Joyce is working on Climate Action Plan that will include a lot of these goals, but its completion and adoption is more than a year away.
 - g. We reviewed many of the proposed goals in the brainstorming doc and among them identified these goals to propose for the short term:
 - i. Adopt a Complete Streets Policy
 - ii. Secure Select Board approval for C-PACE
 - iii. Apply for Infrastructure Bill, FEMA, or BBB funding to climate-related risks (vs. new development in Lowell Junction)

- iv. Figure out how to pursue/fund heat pump programs that benefit residents (MetroWest Clean Energy Challenge and/or advisement program like Abode Energy)
 - v. Express municipal support for development of Net Zero energy stretch code
 - vi. Start a bylaw task force to address resiliency and energy issues (e.g, ban new development in 100-year flood plan, require EV chargers in new multi-family developments)
 - h. North Parish Climate Justice is hosting a meeting with representatives Nguyen and Minicucci on Jan. 26 re pending climate legislation; Harry to forward meeting invite.
6. 2022 meeting dates
- a. Town Manager and staff: Jan 19
 - b. 4th Wed of month Feb 23
 - c. March 23rd
 - d. April 27th
 - e. May 25th
 - f. June 22nd
7. Other business - None

Chat log:

from Mary Pritchard to everyone: 8:20 PM

Andover WECAN is working on a Sustainability Fair that will include heat pump vendors/installers, EV, basically ways to electrify your home and transportation. If you have thoughts and ideas, please get in touch with me at pritchard.me@gmail.com

from Jim Leahy to everyone: 8:27 PM

i'm going to need to sign off - thanks all for letting me speak to my notes from last meeting!

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