

**Andover Green Advisory Board
Minutes**

Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting, Recorded.

Attendees:

Dr. Joyce Losick -Yang
Aseem Juneja*
John Unger*
Harry Voorhees*, Chair
Willow Cheeley*
Amy Latva-Kokko*
Paul Materazzo
Andrew Lewine
Mark Johnson
Lori Buseck
*AGAB member

Next meeting will be Tuesday March 28th and pencil in April 19th in person

[subsequently changed to April 20]

Recording:

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1. Planning Warrant Articles (Paul Materazzo)

1. Article 16 - Active transportation

- North South East West connections
- \$40,000 - Delivery Service Fund
- Planning is in the process of selecting consultant- next week or 2
- may have presentation at Town meeting
- fees that are collected from delivery services
- **Motion to approve passed 5-0-0**

2. Zoning Recodification - Andover Zoning Bylaw Update

- last year at Town Meeting several residents raised questions - some errors, worked directly with those individuals
- strong base for zoning

- Just went through a 2 year master planning process
- key policy issues
- good governance
- straw poll was that only 4 people were ready to vote on it, so it was **tabled for a meeting when more members are present for robust discussion.**

3. Parking Reform

- reduce off-street parking requirements where modernization
- reduce stormwater runoff
- introduce standards that would modernize the pedestrians on public sidewalks
- EV requirements - 20,000 sf at least 10%
 - Stretch code requirements 20% in Group R and B
- virtual Planning Board meeting next week - 2/28/2023
- 5.5.7 electric vehicle charging C405.13
- 5.5 Design Standards-
- Willow had planting recommendations for the guideline and will send to Paul for Planning Board
- 5.1.7 Parking in General Business Districts
- Allow businesses to share parking
- Create vibrant downtown - Andover as a “park once” destination
- How much room is this for this to be amended? It’s a guideline so can be revised
 - In terms of safety concerns with EV
 - Willow: Schools and Parking - AHS 720 parking spaces - who gets to determine that?
 - Paul will ask his team
- 2/3 vote will be required at Town Meeting
 - **AGAB will vote at next meeting**

AGAB Special Thanks to Planning Board and Paul Matarazzo, Director:

AGAB thanks the Planning Board for following up with AGAB initiatives on bicycle requirements, EV requirements, reducing parking in general.

2. Walk Bike Andover Introduction (Andrew Lewine)

- Used to be Andover Pedestrian Committee- revamped by Tony Collins - was Town Associate planner and resident
 - i. short term to long term advocacy work
 - 1. E.g. specific instances of unsafe conditions, missing curb cut
 - ii. policy advocacy - Complete Streets - Active Transportation Plan
 - iii. enhance biking infrastructure
 - iv. get involved and review projects - walking biking, rolling, accessibility- Shawsheen Village to West Parish cemetery - 10' wide multi-use path
 - v. Maple Ave Shared street - slow vehicle speeds - invite people on to the street - foot and bike
 - vi. Community communication
- Why So Many Plans?
- Complete Street: Give all people a safe space to travel by foot or by bike
 - i. www.walkbikeandover.org
 - ii. www.walkbikeandover.org/email-list
 - iii. [@walkbikeandover](https://twitter.com/walkbikeandover)
- Merrimack Valley Planning Commission link was shared for local complete streets projects
- Consider ESIC intern to think about active transportation plan for a multi-use path that connects the rest of the network being developed in Lawrence

3. High School Warrant Article (Mark Johnson)

- Warrant article will be for AHS SD budget - recommend \$1.3 Million without language "or such other amount"
 - i. Renovation and Stand alone option

- March 2nd - 8:15
- Community meetings coming up
 - i. March 9th community forum - evening- Broadcast on Andover TV
 - ii. March 23 - finance review of options
 - iii. March 27th Community Forum
- Looking to put out a survey next week
- Select Board and School Committee will make recommendation at end of 1st week in April
- **Motion to approve schematic design of AHS SD for \$1.3 Million without language “or such other amount”, passed 4-0-1.**

4. Zero Waste Day Planning (Marc Fournier and Lori Buseck)

- **Saturday June 3rd 9-noon**
- NOT hazardous waste day
- “pop up transfer station”
- each charity of what they take - clothing, kids toys, scrap metal, electronics
- charity has right of refusal (in past they had two roll offs of trash)
- save tipping fees- reduce our waste load, Andover doesn't have a transfer station-
- valuable resources get saved
- Town provides cones, plastic barricades, tables, pop up tents and vests, printing material and on their website
- **Need a group of volunteers**
 - i. Melanie Cutler brings students from high school
 - ii. North Andover will pitch in - shared reciprocal event
- Benefits local Charities:
 - i. Project home again, epilepsy foundation: fabrics, Habitat for humanity ReStore, Mattresses - UTEC curbside program
- Tires: Mosquito control folks from the state- come and take the tires- present mosquito born diseases

- possibly - electronics vendor
- Paper shredding- size the number of operators - a firm commitment - economy, if 10 boxes,
- Primarily focused on re-use
- Mass Save will be collecting dehumidifiers - \$30
- event is 9-12 - charities and volunteers come at 8:15- training and meeting charities
- This event is NOT for hazardous waste, appliances, batteries- is a separate

5. Solar PPA for Bancroft Elementary and West Elementary Shawsheen School, Joyce Losick-Yang

- i. warrant article to enter in to PPA
 - 1. rooftop solar system on top of existing Bancroft
 - a. P24 and P25- instruments which allow municipality to enter in to long term contract
 - 2. to go on the new WESP
- P27 and P28 - comparable set for West Elementary and Shawsheen Preschool
- avoid 6,900 tons of carbon emissions over 20 years
- avoided cost of electricity
 - i. 12.5 cents per kWh - 9.8 cents per kWh for WESP
- Resulting in Term savings >\$1.2 million
- cover 51% of Bancroft's electricity
- WESP - offset 25%
- When system is down could be on the hook for higher electricity rates
 - i. typically solar systems are <1 month per year
- both are G3 time of use facilities
 - i. Town always goes out to market for supply - current was 9.7 cents/kWh next contract will be 12.9 cents / kWh
 - ii. 100% renewable energy will be lower than competitive

- iii. low to no risk on the financial aspects alone
- iv. PPA - due to Inflation Reduction Act- Select went back to drawing board
- Any open or unused land? General counsel added this provision in case they need to run wires or transformers - the panels, the inverters, vast majority on rooftop alone and no panels on ground or fields or parking - this is for potential trenching
 - i. rates are fixed
- **Motion to approve passed 5-0-0**
- Town Meeting May 1st and 2nd

6. January 18 minutes Approved 5-0-0

7. Tree Policy Update (Willow Cheeley)

- Willow and several town members wrote a proposed policy to cover tree removal and replacement
- hope to go before select board 2/27
- ask Town create a Tree By Law Committee- Lexington has one
 - we need to install and maintain
 - unhealthy trees cannot provide ecosystem services and we don't get the benefit
 - elevate professionalism of tree installation & care- implement best practices
 - Tree Warden, conservation commission, three members at large
- have worked with deputy town manager on it, DPW have reviewed and changed language a little
- **Motion to approve policy to cover tree removal and replacement**
Passed: 5-0-0

8. Climate action plan Update- John Unger and Joyce Losick-Yang

- The whole Town has to work together for next 20 years to meet the goals and identify tangible action that makes sense for Andover to take and prioritize.