

Andover



Green Advisory Board

AGAB Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 04, 2020, 7:00 pm

3rd Floor Conference Room, Andover Town Offices Building

Attending: Austin Simko, Harry Voorhees, Amy Latva-Kokko, Melanie Cutler, Anil Navkal, Jon Unger, Joyce Losick-Yang, Zona Sharfman, and members of the public

1. Greetings, begin meeting
2. Consider January meeting minutes for official approval (link) - unanimously approved
3. Updates on Town Meeting Articles (HMD, Solar Bylaw)
 - HMD Update (Austin)
 - RFP was presented to the Select Board. LEED Neighborhood silver or higher and LEED certification for buildings at the design stage. Cannot close on the property until LEED precertification. Will be held accountable post-construction. Hoping for Night 1 of Town Meeting (4/27)
 - Solar Bylaw (Harry)
 - Has been edited based on public input. Likely to be Night 2 of Town Meeting (4/28). Write draft letter of support for Solar Bylaw for next AGAB meeting (3/25). Develop promotional material.
 - Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)
 - AGAB will support at town meeting.
4. Upcoming Environmental Events:
 - Sun, 3/1 - Indivisible Andover Environmental Law texting event, 2-4pm, Temple Emanuel, Andover
 - Mon, 3/2 - CCA Forum, 7pm, MHL
 - Tues, 3/3 - Primary Elections in Andover
 - Wed, 3/4 - Massachusetts Environmental Educators Society Conference, Holy Cross, Worcester, MA
 - Tues, 3/10 - Solar Bylaw presentation to Planning Board
 - Thurs, 3/12 - CCA Meeting, 7pm, Public Safety Center
 - Mon, 3/16 - Environmental Legislation Discussion by Indivisible Andover and WECAN, 7pm MHL
 - Wed, 3/18 - Meeting of AVIS Wardens and Cons Com Land Managers, 7pm MHL
 - Tues, 3/24 - Town Elections

Wed, 4/8 - CCA Meeting, 7pm, MHL

Wed, 4/22 - Earth Day, Whole Foods event

Mon, 4/27 - Town Meeting, Day 1

Tues, 4/28 - Town Meeting, Day 2

5. AGAB - Elect a vice-chair to supplement role of the Chairperson.

Amy Latva-Kokko will be the new vice chair. (unanimous)

6. Other business?

- Incentives for \$15,000 to buy a new Nissan Leaf 2019 electric car, so pay about \$17,000 out of pocket. You have to be a National Grid customers (\$5000 from National Grid, \$2500 from state of MA, \$7500 tax credit from federal government).
- Brad Weeden has adopted traffic islands in town to care for. Idea: plant clover for bees on islands? Which group should be responsible?
- Should we do another Solarize Andover program? Mass Save has a central heat pump rebate based on tonnage. \$250/ton on an AC unit. \$750/ton for a central heat pump. Town has to apply from Mass CEC, application around July/August. MA CEC works with the best installers.
- Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program - did not get proposal funded in early November, (3 proposals: 1. Shawsheen River sewer pump station replacement, 2. Zoning, 3. Street tree efforts). Town will swap out tree effort with urban heat islands proposal. Replace impervious surface with green infrastructure, including large, mature trees. Joyce will help to re-write proposals and resubmit in late April.

Public folder for the March 4 AGAB meeting: <http://bit.ly/GAB-20200304>