



Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2019, 7:00 pm,

2nd Floor Conference Room, Andover Town Offices Building

1. Greetings, begin meeting
2. Additional AGAB members? Harry Voorhees?, Beth Rasmussen?, Jon Unger?
3. Consider February minutes for official approval
 - a. Unanimously approved
4. ~~Green purchasing update (Melanie)~~
5. Voting on the 2021 energy efficiency building codes (Amy)
 - a. Building codes updated every 3 years
 - b. MA usually adopts most recent code (ex. 2018)
 - c. MA will make amendments
 - d. New codes adopted in January 2020
 - e. Can AGAB supply participants to help vote as part of ICC (International Code Council)?
 - f. By September, we can appoint 3 other AGAB members to vote on codes
 - g. Idea: Could AGAB publish a list of best practices for homeowners?
Energy, heating, water, solar, etc.
6. Pesticide update (Jon)
 - a. 2003 Pesticide Task Force was established by Andover Board of Health
 - b. 2017 Board of Health Intern reconvened the group, wrote a set of policy recommendations, ex. IPM, eliminating water course testing requirement, community outreach/education
 - c. Carla worked with Tom Carbone, Board of Health didn't have enough time to devote to implementing educational program
 - d. 2019 - plan to have a summer intern to focus on this topic, produce a flier to distribute to residents, include with water bill/property tax bill/excise tax bill?, AGAB should work with Janet Nicosia on this
 - e. Include someone at DPW and Conservation Commission involved with water protection
 - f. Invite intern to attend AGAB meetings

7. Town's Green Report to State (Anil)
 - a. Report has energy use over time
 - b. Over 10 years, town has decreased energy use by 14%
 - c. Andover now has 34% clean energy for town buildings (most solar energy comes from 5 MW solar field in Palmer, MA)
 - d. 27% energy reduction at AHS
 - e. Data should be publicized (energizeandover.com, Solar Production Dashboard link)
8. Transition to new chair (Amy)