



Minutes

Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 7:00 pm

2nd floor conference room, Town Offices, Bartlet Street

In attendance:

Maria Bartlett *
Amy Latva-Kokko *
Willow Cheeley *
Joyce Losick-Yang
Harry Voorhees *
Jon Unger *
Melanie Cutler *
Peggy Rambach
Brad Weeden

* = AGAB Member

1. Approve March 23 minutes ([link](#)). Unanimously approved: YES - 6, NO - 0, ABSTAIN - 0
2. Sustainability coordinator's report and goals update (Joyce)
 - a. Climate summit recap
 - i. First in-person event in a long time
 - ii. Great event, students were a highlight
 - iii. Summary and slides available on town Climate Summit website:
<https://andoverma.gov/1020/Climate-Summit-2022>
 - iv. Summaries of Mitigation and Resilience feedback are available in the AGAB folder and will be published on the town website once permission has been received
 - v. Also in Andover 2050 Sustainability newsletter:
<https://andoverma.gov/1021/Sustainability-Newsletter>
 - vi. From resilience side:
 - vii. Recommendation 1 - have Andover adopt the Community Preservation Act as part of strategic land acquisition and preservation

- viii. Recommendation 2 - update town's zoning bylaws to incorporate more smart growth
 - ix. Recommendation 3 - public education campaigns
 - b. Town's response to sustainability goals
 - i. Link to document summarizing Town's Energy and Sustainability Goals for 2023:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sq0syKRBiy9c9yIbByqcqIIDmeVuJ7Cr/view?usp=sharing>
 - c. Solar on schools / grant update
 - i. Town is close to obtaining approval for a grant to purchase a solar system for the rooftop of Sanborn Elementary School.
 - ii. Goal is to make Sanborn a net zero school.
 - d. C-PACE update (Maria)
- 3. Electric landscaping equipment promotion (Peggy Rambach; [link](#))
 - a. Work to influence town to move toward transitioning to electric landscaping equipment
 - b. Landscaping companies can go all electric
 - c. Benefits - improved air quality for workers, cleaner, fewer fossil fuels, improved public health
 - d. AGZA = American Green Zone Alliance and Quiet Communities groups, can do an environmental assessment for the town and make recommendations.
 - e. Wrote letter to Town Manager, Chris Cronin, members of Select Board and AGAB
 - f. Goal - educate residents and landscapers on how to use electric equipment
- 4. Chandler Road Park Family property public meetings debrief (Maria & attendees)
 - a. Question about artificial turf.
 - b. Land is in the Fish Brook Watershed Overlay district. Concern about PFAS from the turf getting into drinking water.
 - c. Send Maria ideas for Chandler Road site
- 5. Plastics reduction (Maria)
 - a. Single-use plastics ban status update
 - i. Businesses have been told that the ban will start to be enforced again July 1
 - b. PFAS in Andover water report ([link](#))
 - c. Brookline moratorium on artificial turf ([link](#))
- 6. Other updates / discussion
 - a. Board member reappointments (Harry)
 - i. 3 potential candidates, will be invited to a future meeting