



# Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 7:00 pm

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Meeting number: 129 750 8815 Meeting password: **GPepa2pDf94**

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## In attendance:

Amy Latva-Kokko \*

Joyce Losick-Yang

Jonathan Unger \*

Maria Bartlett \*

Beth Rasmussen \*

Tony Collins

Anil Navkal \*

Jade Nair, AHS student

Tatianna Suriel, All In Energy working on Mass Save Municipal Partnership

Greg Sebasky

Stephen Fink

Melanie Cutler \*

\* = AGAB member

## 1. Review meeting minutes from March 24th meeting: [link](#)

- March 24th minutes unanimously accepted

## 2. [Smart Streets initiative](#) (Tony Collins)

- Andover Shared Streets Initiative - to encourage active transportation (ex. Biking, walking)

- Town needs to improve its roads to make it more friendly to bikers and walkers
- Ex. street paint, signage, free standing delineators / cones, planters
- Create pinch points in the road to slow vehicular traffic
- Signs at both ends of the street: “limited to local traffic only”
- Applied for 2 grants: Technical Assistance Grant from Massachusetts Downtown Local Rapid Recovery Program ( technical assistance to develop a plan) and MassCOT Shared Streets and Spaces (funding to implement a pilot project)
- After pilot, learn lessons and apply to other areas in town, ex. Ballardvale
- Didn't receive first grant, but will apply again for a bonus round, and that looks promising
- Pilot project = connect neighborhoods within a 15 minute walk from downtown (Summer, Whittier, Park Streets), provide safe streets, slow traffic, create recreation opportunities, and more outdoor dining on Punchard Ave
- Community feedback: 85% were very supportive or supportive of the project; 59% interested in becoming more involved in active transportation advocacy, 56% said their street is used often as a cut through
- Police and Public Works are OK with planters
- Discussion about how to make Main Street more biker friendly

### **3. AHS ESIC final event, 5/24 (Melanie)**

- Virtual, From 1:30 pm to 2:50 pm
- Melanie will send out email invitations this week or email her for link to join ([mcutler@k12.andoverma.us](mailto:mcutler@k12.andoverma.us)). Public is welcome.

### **4. AHS Environmental Club Tree Plenish Event, Sat 4/24 (Melanie)**

- AHS Environmental Club students volunteered to plant > 300 trees in town
- Goal was 267 trees to offset amount of paper used at AHS in 1 year, so exceeded goal
- This offset about 3 million sheets of paper used at AHS
- Also, on Friday at 10:00 am, Arbor Day Celebration on South Main Street at the Andover sign. Paul Sanborn will talk about the new tree inventory program.

### **5. AHS IAQ reporting engine demo by Jade Nair - AHS Junior (Jade/Anil)**

- Developed reporting software to analyze data from classroom sensors at AHS
- Goal: create an application that facilities can use to generate weekly reports of CO2 and temperature issues
- Creates lists of warm rooms, cold rooms, low CO2 and high CO2
- Mentored by Kate Connolly, PhD student from BU?
- Visualization software
- Can choose any time frame
- Can be used for any building that uses Metasys data

- Showed examples: dots show outliers
- Use Wednesdays as a control for when no one is in the building
- Will help Facilities Dept. assess where there are issues with air flow
- Facilities Dept. would run the program themselves, would have to download data or have an automated email system
- How can Jade's prototype be converted into a product?

#### **6. EV parade event, date TBD, 4/30 (Melanie)**

- This Friday, owners of electric vehicles will meet in AHS Field House Parking Lot at 4:00 pm
- Cars will leave AHS at 4:30 to drive south down Main Street with a hybrid police car escort, ending in the Park Street Municipal Lot
- Cars will park at the municipal lot until about 5:45 to talk with passers by about owning electric vehicles
- AHS students spoke at SC meeting to propose the installation of electric vehicle charging station in the AHS parking lot

#### **7. Mass Save Municipal Partnership (Joyce)**

- Tatianna Suriel, from All In Energy working on Mass Save Municipal Partnership
- Mass Save is a program to increase energy efficiency in homes and businesses
- Andover was selected as one of the 8 cities participating in the Mass Save Municipal Partnership Program, money comes from electricity bills
- Goal of the program is to boost participation in the program
- Focusing on reaching certain populations: renters, landlords, non-English speakers, low- to moderate-income families, small businesses
- If goals to reach more people are successful, Andover will gain \$10,000
- Provide access to energy-saving resources
- Residents can sign up for a no-cost energy assessment
- Can receive: programmable thermostats, high efficiency shower heads, air sealing, discounts on insulation, LED lightbulbs, efficient heating and cooling equipment
- How can AGAB help?
  - Participate in the program and spread the word
  - Support public displays to build awareness (banners, yard signs, etc.)
  - Incorporate presentations into constituent meetings
- AndoverSaves.org (also available in Spanish and Chinese)
- [tatianna@allinenergy.org](mailto:tatianna@allinenergy.org)
- 978-237-4530

#### **8. Merrimack Valley Renewal Fund RFP (Joyce)**

- \$41 M settlement - used for MVRF program.

- Only accessible by Andover, North Andover and Lawrence.
- DOER announced an opportunity to receive money.
- Merrimack Valley Building Excellence Program - money to help create more energy efficient buildings
- Money can be used by property owners to upgrade buildings, for energy storage, solar
- Targets especially multi-family units and small businesses
- Applications should be for no less than \$250k (\$40K/unit)
- First round closed on 4/27, next rounds = July 1, 2021, October 1, 2021, Jan 5, 2022, April 1, 2022, July 1, 2022, October 3, 2022, Dec 30, 2022
- Would include both ground and air source heat pumps (Eversource may do a regional ground source heat pump pilot project in the future)
- Discussion about what kinds of insulation would be included

#### **9. CCA Update- New Program Name “Andover Community Power” (Joyce)**

- Draft ACP plan is now available to the public and public comment period is open and will close on May 17
- Acp.andoverma.gov
- Site will be updated with plan information, quarterly disclosure notices, etc.
- Paper copies are available at Memorial Hall Library for people without internet access

#### **10. AGAB term renewal(s) (Amy)**

Amy's term is up for renewal this year, has submitted in writing to Town Manager.

#### **11. Goal setting**

Tabled until next meeting.

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