



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 26, 2020, 7:00 pm

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Join by phone: 1-408-418-9388

Present: (* = AGAB Board Member)

* Amy Latva-Kokko

* Anil Navka

* Harry Voorhees

* Maria Bartlett

* Jon Unger

* Elizabeth Rasmussen

Joyce Losick-Yang, Sustainability Coordinator

Tom Carbone, Public Health

Brad Weeden, resident

1. Mosquito Spraying in Andover-Maria

- Tom sent a memo about mosquito spraying in response to Maria's questions from Board of Health meeting 2 weeks ago
- Town scheduled with mosquito control board to do barrier treatments on the sports fields and where the tent will be for town meeting. The Board of Health approved the plan.
- Typically, larvicide and monitoring in the spring, adulticide in the fall
- EEE usually stays around for about 3 years. Since it was active last year, the town decided to treat again this year.
- Applied directly to the vegetation at the edge of the fields (not in the air or on the grass)
- The town got advice from professionals who consider environmental risk, and the town decided to go ahead with the spraying
- Chemical is not persistent, it stays in the environment for up to 90 days and then breaks down
- Could we consider increased public education about the pesticide spraying in the future?

- The town has used social media and the website to educate the public about other ways to reduce mosquito-borne illnesses
2. Announcements and Survey
- Welcome to Andrea Schreck, town's mechanical engineer, will be coming to AGAB meetings as a liaison to the town
 - Thank you to Janet Nicosia, Director of Facilities for her years as AGAB Liaison
 - Survey: hold September 23rd meeting in-person or via teleconference? There is new guidance that Boards and Commissions with fewer than 10 persons may resume in-person meetings, with face coverings, if members so wish. -Amy & Joyce
3. Review meeting minutes from
- March 4th meeting - [link](#) to DRAFT minutes in this folder
 - July 26th meeting - [link](#) to DRAFT minutes
 - Unanimously approved by all board members present (6 yes - 0 no - 0 abstain)
4. Residential Heating and cooling clean energy alternatives | Create an AGAB led resource center - Anil
- MassCEC is not moving ahead, so the topic will be tabled until Mass CEC redefines their program. Their Solarize program will not be happening this year. If WECAN takes on the project, they can collect a list of contractors, but AGAB, as a town board, cannot.
 - Resident, Brad Weeden, is getting geothermal energy wells drilled in his backyard. They are documenting their process and can share their experience with other neighbors. Doing it for environmental reasons rather than financial reasons.
5. EV charging stations - National Grid grant availability - Joyce
- (see Joyce's slides: "Case for EV Charging Stations in Andover")
 - There are financial incentives available from National Grid, good until the end of 2020. National Grid will pay 100% of installation cost for the stations, plus up to 75% rebate on a publicly accessible station or a station located at a mutli-unit dwelling. If 3 or more adjacent stations are installed, will add an additional \$200/year networking fee per port.
 - A typical dual-port EV charging station costs about \$7000/year.
 - So, cost for the town would be about \$1000-2000/station.

- Over 200 residents in Andover own electric vehicles. (based on state EV rebate data)
 - There is a lack of publicly available charging stations in Andover (one at Andover Inn and one at the field house at PA)
 - Rule of thumb: should have 1 EV charging station for every 100 EV's in town
 - Where to put them? Downtown parking lots?
 - Electricity comes from National Grid basic supply (contains 13% renewables)
 - Town would own the station. Should the town charge users a fee to recoup the yearly expenses? Still looking into the fee structure.
 - Hopes for about 50-60% occupancy rate.
 - AGAB supports the town in pursuing the National Grid incentive for EV charging stations in town [unanimously approved by all AGAB members, 6 yes - 0 no - 0 abstain]
6. COVID airborne transmission - Efforts by Dept of Facilities - Joyce | Andrea Schreck
7. AGAB letter in regard to support for Diversity Division for review (Amy)
- [Unanimously supported: 6 yes - 0 no - 0 abstain]
8. AGAB letter in regard to HMD RFP for Town Meeting (Melanie)
- Melanie wrote a letter to be sent to the newspaper editor in support of Warrant Articles 15, 16, and 17 on behalf of AGAB. [Unanimously approved, 6 yes - 0 no - 0 abstain] (see letter in public AGAB folder)
 - Melane is condensing paragraphs 4 and 5 in the letter to make a public statement on behalf of the AGAB at Town Meeting. [Unanimously approved, 6 yes - 0 no - 0 abstain] (see letter in public AGAB folder)
9. Proposed solar By-Law summary handout for Town Meeting (Harry)
- Harry made a handout with explanation and images to support the proposed solar by-law (see proposed flier in public AGAB folder)
10. Net Zero School construction-Maria
- Tabled for next meeting
11. Other new business items?

Public folder for this AGAB meeting: <https://bit.ly/GAB-20200826>

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may gather in one place, this meeting of the Andover Green Advisory Board will be conducted via remote participation. For this meeting, the attendees will be able to access the video conference or join by phone, as well as ask questions by texting the moderator. Additionally, the meeting will be recorded, and the materials will be made publicly available at a later date.