



GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 - 6:00 pm

HYBRID MEETING

GAB Members Present: Mary Smith, Erik Larson, Partha Krishnan

GAB Members Virtual: Dennis Loria

Guests Virtual: Jim Snyder-Grant

Town Staff Present: Lauren West

Mary calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm and reads the hybrid meeting statement. Attendees are advised that the meeting is being recorded.

Business

Resident Concerns

- None

GAB Updates

- None

Review Sustainability Policy

- Jim is hoping to get some comments on the Policy to bring back to the Select Board.
- Mary reviewed the policy and wonders how we integrate economic impacts into the policy. Jim notes Section 5 was originally drafted to include more economic points.
- Mary mentions the Gas-Powered Leaf Blower ban as an example of economic impacts of a sustainability issue.
- Jim notes the first public meeting for the Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ban will be on September 23rd during the Select Board meeting. The Select Board has reached out to many local landscapers about the meeting.
- Select Board commented that it was purposely made broad to fit future years.

Sustainability Updates

Climate Resilience Updates (MVP & HMP)

- Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan (MVP)
 - Still in Phase 2 of process, liaisons are gathering input from public to learn what the community is most concerned about. A flyer is circulating and staff and liaisons will be tabling at Mid-Autumn festival and Oktoberfest. Survey is being sent out.
 - Community input will inform what seed project funding is used for.

- Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)
 - Mary was concerned because there were not recommendations for actions to take in the report.
 - Sustainability Office hosted a webinar to get feedback, Consultants are using feedback to update and reorganize drafted document.
 - Mary asks if there is a recording of the HMP webinar that can be shared.

Greening the Red House Updates

- Landscapers started working today. Mostly removing invasives to allow space for volunteers to plant native species. Landscapers are planting a rain garden and removing invasives in the meadow.
- Will be sending a call for volunteers to plant at the Red House.
- Mary asks about Town Hall parking lot discussion. An old plan for the parking lot suggested moving the Asa Parlin house to the Red House lot. Suggestion was voted against by the Select Board. A plan exists for Asa Parlin upgrades to create a usable space for meetings.

Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ban

- Select Board meeting on September 23rd will have public hearing session.
- Mary will submit her feedback to the Select Board

Erik makes a motion to close the meeting at 7:30. Mary seconds the motion. By a unanimous roll call vote; meeting adjourned.