



GREEN ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA

MARCH 7, 2016

6:00 PM

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- Discussion - Nagog Pond Water Treatment - Solar Array (010)
- Discuss MAPC Energy Aggregation (020 - 022)
- 6:45 - Presentation - Conant Green Team
- Updates
 - Solar Forum - March 22 (030)
 - Green Community Grant Status

Minutes

December 7, 2015

January 11, 2016



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MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Hudson, Dennis Loria, Cameren Cousins, Mary Smith

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Padamaja Kuchimanchi

RECORDING SECRETARY: Joanne Gutierrez

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES SUPERINTENDENT: Andrea Ristine

ACTON SELECTMEN: Peter Berry

REGIONAL SCHOOL ENERGY ADVISOR: Kate Crosby

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6:04 Mr. Hudson called the meeting called to order.

Nagog Pond Water Treatment - Solar Array (010)

The Board reviewed and discussed the most recent plans filed by the Town of Concord for the proposed Nagog Pond Water Treatment Plant and Solar Array dated 12/22/2015; no recommendations or actions taken.

Mr. Berry will advise the Board of the next hearing date with the Board of Selectmen.

MAPC Energy Aggregation (020 - 022)

Ms. Ristine reported that the Town has included a warrant article for Annual Town Meeting (ATM) to initiate the process of electric energy aggregation for Town residents and small businesses. If approved at ATM, it will grant the Town authority to research, develop and participate in a contract(s). I will also allow individual to opt-out of the aggregation.

Ms. Smith suggested that the Town wait for the State to decide if it will raise the solar cap for Net Metered Credits (NMC), off shore wind power, and importing from Quebec.

Ms. Smith moved that the Board support the proposed warrant article authorizing the Town to research, develop and participate in municipal energy aggregation; Ms. Cousins second, unanimous.

Presentation - Conant Green Team

The Luther Conant School's Winter Green Team Students, Tyler and Koharu accompanied by Staff Advisors: Mike Liuzzo, Melissa Hayes and Betty Ann Vitale presented their program activities at the Conant School to reduce energy at their school. Conant has reduced electricity use by 33%.

The Conant Green Team also collects recycling weekly, and manages the sorting stations at lunch where fellow students sort their leftovers into recycling composting and trash. One can learn more about their program by visiting their website:

<https://sites.google.com/a/abschools.org/conantgreenteam/home>

Updates

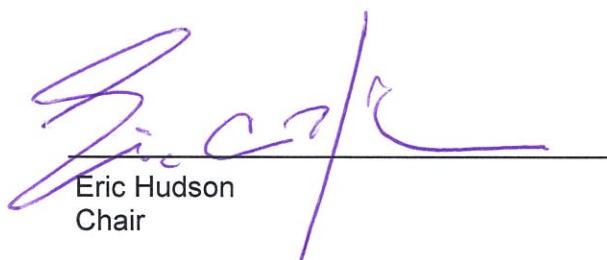
➤ Solar Forum - March 22 (030)

Acton Solar Seminar will take place March 22, 2016 at The Gallery (2nd Floor) in West Action Village. This is an opportunity for residents to become informed on solar energy and decide if it's right for them.

➤ Green Community Grant Status

Acton continues to be a Green Community but will not be eligible to apply for any grants this year as a couple school projects were not completed within the required time frame in the current grant round.

7:40 Meeting adjourned.



Eric Hudson
Chair

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