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ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY - MEETING ROOM A (GROUND FLOOR)
486 MAIN STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Hudson, Cameren Cousins, Dennis Loria, Steve Lowe

RECORDING SECRETARY: Kim Gorman

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES SUPERINTENDENT: Andrea Ristine

ACTON SELECTMEN: Not present

REGIONAL SCHOOL ENERGY MANAGER: Not present

VISITOR: Debra Simes, Terra Friedrichs

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6:33 Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Mr. Hudson moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 2017; Mr. Loria 2nd; unanimous.

Discussion – Carbon Neutrality

Ms. Cousins, Mr. Hudson and Mr. Loria took lead to create a letter to the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager.

Mr. Hudson mapped out 3 key steps:

- Current inventory
- Look at the best practice tools
- Ask for funds to hire a contractor/consultant

Board members discussed their concerns. Do not want to re-invent the wheel on what Acton 2020 Committee has already done. Keep it efficient, switch over to electricity and green up our supply. Mr. Loria stated he has been in contact with consultant, Steve Weissman, of Paragon, on time frames and cost. He stated he will reach out to him for more suggestions.

6:40 Ms. Simes introduced herself and wanted to express Green Acton cares and this item is being discussed and very happy its moving forward. Ms. Simes departed at 7:00 PM.

6:45 Ms. Friedrichs introduced herself and wanted to share information regarding the shorter times frames, discussed tree clearing, growth, development and better tools to use. She stated she is attending a 350MA MetroWest Municipal Assessment Project meeting and had previously distributed an assessment form (checklist) and asked the Board to support and help with Acton's assessment to help score Acton's carbon neutrality. Board members thanked her for her information and input. Ms. Friedrichs departed at 7:25 PM.

Board members asked for comments to be sent directly to Mr. Hudson. The letter will be forward to staff to review and to Mr. Berry for support and forward to the Board of Selectmen and will be reviewed at next meeting.

Discussion – Update Main Street Master Plan Committee

Ms. Cousins reported the Conway School turned down the offer to review due to budget restrictions. Ms. Cousins stated Mr. Selby has engaged with another landscape company for ideas and they will be attending the next MSMP Committee meeting. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen in August. Ms. Cousins will update GAB at the next meeting.

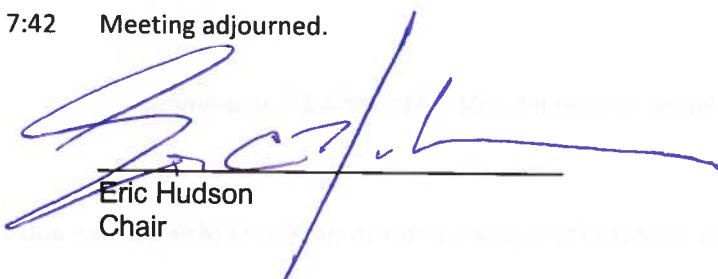
Discussion – Green Communities Grant application pending State's award decision

Ms. Ristine stated she submitted the three school projects and no information has been received back regarding the grant submittal from the State.

Discussion – Volunteer Coordinating Committee email – membership reappointment notification

Ms. Ristine stated Ms. Mary Smith's term is expiring.

7:42 Meeting adjourned.



Eric Hudson
Chair



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- Carbon Neutrality
- Main Street Master Plan Committee update
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- Volunteer Coordinating Committee email – membership reappointment notification

Minutes – March 6, 2017

Next Meeting – June 12

