



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 7:00 pm

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Meeting number: **173 994 8203** Meeting password: **sGwMpWV33e5**

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In Attendance:

Jon Unger *

Melanie Cutler *

Amy Latva-Kokko *

Anil Navkal *

Harry Voorhees *

Beth Rasmussen *

Maria Bartlett *

Joyce Losick-Yang

Greg Sebasky

1. Review meeting minutes from April 28th meeting:[link](#)

- **Minutes unanimously approved. YES - 6, NO - 0, ABSTAIN - 1**

2. West Elementary and Shawsheen Preschool Building Project (Amy)

- Greg Sebasky is interested in getting AGAB's approval for the WESP building project
- Vote at Town Meeting on June 5 and vote by ballot on June 15
- Building will be Net Zero Ready
- 40% can be solar, 60% needs to be purchased renewable energy, which could be more expensive
- AGAB can make a strong recommendation that we pursue all renewable energy options
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- **Motion:** AGAB supports the WESP Building Project due to its plans to be at least LEED Silver certified and Net Zero Carbon Ready. We strongly recommend that the town, with AGAB's support, pursue all renewable energy options for the site in the upcoming years.
- Above motion unanimously approved. YES - 7, NO - 0, ABSTAIN - 0

3. Goal setting - a discussion of opportunities of focus for AGAB (Amy)

- Grants / fundraising for renewable energy at WESP buildings and other school buildings
- Have an AGAB member site on Town Building Committee
- Where can AGAB be engaged in the process earlier?
- How can we get involved into the CIP process earlier?
- Each of the town boards should have sustainability goals - should AGAB draft a set of sustainability goals?
- Could we have a liaison from the Planning Board to introduce new projects to AGAB?
- Climate Action Plan - find ways to implement sustainability practices for major decisions to be made in the town. Joyce is working on a CAP for the town. Where are our emission sources? Where can we reduce emissions? We will have a Climate Summit for the town in April 2022, involving many different stakeholders.
- GHG Emissions Inventory Working Group - 11-12% of emissions come from town property, most emissions come from industry and residential areas. Need to think bigger about the sources and what do we do about it. Ex. Stretch Code, work more closely with the business community about manufacturing practices, etc. Working with Kate Margolese, Candy Dann, Tony Collins, Chris Clemente.
- GHG Inventory should be complete by the end of this fiscal year. How much are we emitting, who is responsible. What does the town need to mitigate and adapt? Will look in 4 year increments: 2014, 2018, 2022. We have decreased emissions by about 13% since baseline 2008.
- Set goals, measure progress
- State will develop Stretch Code, we'll need to get the town of Andover to adopt it. Who is in charge of adopting it? When?
- Joyce has been working with her counterparts in Lexington and Acton, trading best practices. Acton has declared a State of Emergency Declaration, shapes all town decisions. Has to come from the Select Board. Andover Select Board has some sustainability goals, doesn't have the same sense of urgency.
- Could AGAB sponsor a State of Emergency Declaration.
- Biggest priorities: 1. Next Generation Road Map (MA Climate Bill Update), communities adopt Net Zero Stretch Code (5 public DOER meetings); 2. Transportation - how can we reduce transportation emissions, electrify town vehicle fleet, especially big trucks, ex. Electric transit for Meals on Wheels, shared streets; 3. Policy - Climate Emergency Declaration
- Action Presentation on Climate Emergency Declaration:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_TXDpbfO7-1LP365eI4T26gVvQS_IsNA/view?usp=sharing

- Have the town identify projects where AGAB could weigh in
- Get composting and recycling reinstated in school cafeterias
- Work on education campaigns for residents and businesses
- Increase team-building to get more involved in projects
- CIP planning starts in the early fall
- Janet Nicosia always has a running list of priorities
- <https://betterbuildingsolutioncenter.energy.gov/financing-navigator/option/cpace>
- from Anil to everyone: 8:29 PM: Here is a good way to start think with big ideas: <https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy21osti/78495.pdf>

4. Codes update (Amy)

- New law that calls for Net Zero Greenhouse Gases by 2050 (see Amy's letter to BBRS and DOER in the Public Meeting Drive Folder, linked below)
- DOER and the Building Board of Regulation and Standards are working to develop a Stretch code with a Net Zero Energy definition.
- Amy will attend the public DOER meeting(s) to discuss the content of the Stretch Energy Code.
- Amy recommended to BBRS that the IECC 2021 be adopted
- International Code Council Process will no longer include municipal voters but is a Standards process.

5. Additional Info

- Will have an upcoming bike repair clinic in June

Public Folder for

Meeting: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DuGWdwrX7Y1u5yQ4yyLGSDdqNLkaIW1-?usp=sharing>

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