Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2019, 7:00 pm,
2nd Floor Conference Room, Andover Town Offices Building

Members in attendance:
Anil Navkal
Amy Latva-Kokko

Also in attendance:
Jon Unger
Mary Prichard
Janet Nicosia-Director of Facilities Andover
Brad Wheeden

1. Update on membership:
   ○ Carla Carter, Selen Aktar, and Carina Schusterman have notified Town of their resignation. Jon Unger is awaiting application.

2. April 25th minutes approved.

3. How to promote Town’s accomplishments?
   ○ AGAB (Amy) will write a press release highlighting Town of Andover’s energy report.
   ○ Janet reported that the Town’s first electric car is to be purchased.
   ○ AHS has an intelligent program that monitors the temperature of >400 rooms in the high school
   ○ Green community grant - Town should give visibility to projects undertaken by green community grants
   ○ Town received SolSmart Bronze plate. It’s in unlit area passageway We recommend it be moved to more visible location.

4. Andover Community Choice Aggregation: andovercca.org (Anil)
   ○ Discussion:
     ■ 150 Towns in Massachusetts have ACC.
     ■ Contracts range from 12-18 months, providing rate stability, whereas National Grid rates go up and down
- Basic service - what will the default be?
- The ACCA website was reviewed with testing how a homeowner can find an example similar to their house and test what the cost or savings would be within other Town’s contracts.
- Mike Lindstrom of Melrose was telling how elderly are very vulnerable to purchasing high rates, this could assist with that.
- The main providers seem to be Good Energy, MassPowerChoice and Colonial Power Group.
- Estimator is in the public domain.
- An example of a town where they are funding an energy manager position
- Newton’s default is 60% green energy.
- Ashland provides 1 choice- 100% green- either opt in or out.
- Bigger user has more clout

5. Solar Energy By-Law update (Anil)
   - MA Dept of Energy Resources wrote a report “Policy Guidance for Regulating Solar Energy Systems” 2014 (link)
   - State guideline- Chapter 40A Section 3 (link)
     - “No zoning ordinance or by-law shall prohibit or unreasonably regulate the installation of solar energy systems or the building of structures that facilitate the collection of solar energy, except where necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare.”
   - SolSmart recommendations- By Law to promote solar; Example Andover By-Law template shared in 2017 (Google drive shared folder).

6. 2021 Codes update (Amy)
   - 3 AGAB members will need to be voting members as part of the ICC (International Code Council), which will be decided in September.

7. Sustainability Goals for the Town (Amy)
   - Janet suggested a tour of the facility at 5 Campanelli Drive
   - Some features
     - VAV controls - (Variable air volume) are tied to occupancy, as are the lights. This allows the building to have a few staff in key spaces on the weekend without powering up the whole facility
     - Radiant heat in vehicle bays
   - Although the facility did not pursue LEED Certification, consider LEED O+M Operations and Maintenance certification (link)
   - Town should pursue a comprehensive Climate Action Plan along the lines of greenovateBoston.org (Masterplan in pdf format) - Anil
- AHS Environmental Internship presentations went well
  - Highlight 3 or 4 intern success stories in the Green Communities press release
  - Other classes may have done innovative work - ECS /IC, AP Environmental Science
- Special Town meeting 6/19/2019 7pm - Andover Memorial Auditorium - Columbia Gas Settlement
  - What resilience, improved energy efficiency strategies are they allocating funds?
- Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM