



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 7:00 pm

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In Attendance:

Amy Latva-Kokko *

Joyce Losick-Yang

Anil Navkal *

Beth Rasmussen *

Jonathan Unger *

Maria Bartlett *

Harry Voorhees *

Zona Sharfman *

Brad Hubbard-Nelson

Brad Weeden

* = AGAB member

1. Review meeting minutes from [August 25, 2021](#)
Minutes unanimously approved YES - 5, NO - 0, ABSTAIN - 2
2. Pending Select Board approval Monday and swearing in, welcome to Willow Cheeley.
3. [Heat Smart Alliance](#) on community volunteers to educate about heat pumps (Guest Bradley Hubbard-Nelson)
 - Mission - work to help reduce GHG emissions by encouraging the adoption of heat pumps, especially in residences.
 - Focus on air-source, ground-source (geothermal), and heat pump water heaters, as well as weatherization and home energy modeling
 - 26 MA towns are currently involved
 - Path to home decarbonization: 1. Weatherize, 2. electrify heating, 3. Rooftop solar or renewable energy

- In addition to home heating, heat pumps can be used in refrigerators, dehumidifiers, and air conditioners, pool heating, water heating
 - About 30% of energy use in MA is from residential energy use , 61% of that is for home heating
 - Best to consider heat pumps when your AC system is aging, your home doesn't have AC and you want to add it, or you're building an addition or new house
 - HeatSmart Alliance's approach: 1. Education, 2. Coach, 3. Collaborate, 4. Feedback
 - Collaborate with community groups, MassCEC, NEEP, DOER, MLPs, MCAN, GECA, and MassEnergize
 - Volunteer coaches: Gather info on client's needs, meet with client, review quotes (has list of preferred HVAC installers to call), let the client decide, and follow up.
 - HeatSmart Alliance does not charge for their services.
 - How to engage: request help from a coach, join as a member, become a coach, donate (fiscal sponsor = HEET), communities can request speakers, involve HeatSmart in a community event, consider a kick-off HeatSmart program
 - Heatsmartalliance.org
4. Planning for booth Town's 375th Anniversary September 25th
- a. [Sign up for times](#)
 - i. Andover375.org, events
 - ii. <https://www.andover375.org/events/event-two-thg55>
 - iii. "Reducing your personal carbon footprint", presentation by Harry V. See <http://coolclimate.berklee.edu>
 - iv. Joyce will bring a tri-fold poster with QR codes and other info
 - b. Poster update
 - i. "[Sustainability in Andover](#)" presentation, editable version (make QR code?)
5. Town Planner Lisa Schwartz reached out, will come talk with us at our 10/27/2021 meeting.
We'll talk about how AGAB can get involved in the Master Planning process
6. Columbia gas settlement - AG's status report and followup ([Link](#)) (Anil /Joyce)
- Money from settlement can be used for renewable energy projects
Too late for Andover to apply?
7. Anil/Harry re: Select Board liaison to AGAB
- Looking for a liaison between AGAB and the Select Board
8. Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant Project update (Joyce)

Andover received a grant to support MVP efforts.

9. Andover Community Power (formerly CCA)
 - a. Andover has been assigned a hearing officer from the DPU (Department of Public Utilities)
 - b. 10/21/21 - public hearing. Info has been posted on Town's Website on the Andover News
 - c. ACP.andoverma.gov - has more information
 - d. AGAB voted to write a letter of support of ACP for the public hearing in October
 - i. YES - 7, NO - 0, ABSTAIN - 0

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