

## Princeton Environmental Action Committee (EAC)

### **Meeting Minutes December 5, 2018**

**Meeting called to order** at 7:14pm

*Committee members present:*

Corey Burnham-Howard (CBH), Phil Gott (PG),  
Claire Golding (GC), Chris Samoiloff (CS)

**Public Comment:** none

#### **Review & Approve Minutes:**

- November 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes
  - o Move to approve as presented CBH, 2<sup>nd</sup> CS, Vote 4-0
- November 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes
  - o Suggestion by CBH to add fourth bullet point to discussion with Ron Abady.
    - Mr. Abady was asked if he could commit to attend 80% of the meetings.
    - Mr. Abady affirmed that he could
  - o Move to approve as amended CBH, 2<sup>nd</sup> CS, Vote 4-0

#### **Discussion of EAC Membership Application of Rob Abady**

- CG related that Mr. Abady has contacted her via email and asked if he could postpone his EAC commitment until he finishes starting a new business. CG offered a deadline of Feb 6, 2019.
- Move by PG to hold Mr. Abady to Feb 6. If Mr. Abady cannot commit to attend and contribute to EAC meetings after Feb 6, the EAC shall ask him to decline or resign on the grounds that EAC needs members who can commit to undertake the tasks assigned. CBH 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vote 4-0
- Discussion about voting procedures. How should future votes regarding EAC membership or other sensitive matters be undertaken? By written (secret) ballot rather than voice vote, or in Executive session? ACTION: CG to ask Nina her advice.

#### **Selectboard's draft/proposed Committee Code of Conduct**

- There has been no feedback from the Select Board (SB) regarding the EAC response to the SB request for review.

#### **Collins Center Meeting December 12, 2018 regarding 5-year capital expenditure plan**

- Request from Nina that EAC representatives attend this meeting to discuss or present possible capital expenditures related to our work.
- There are likely some recommendations we would make, in particular those related to the Green Communities program, based on the recommendations in the current draft report, recognizing that some or all of these may be under the authority of other town organizations such as the Planning Board, facilities or others.
- CG and PG volunteered to attend and explore whether or not EAC should put forward such capital items. Consensus approval of EAC members present.
- Discussion followed as to whether EAC should request a budget for its operations to cover efforts to inform/educate town residents about our work. Consensus was that the EAC work can and should bring in grant money to the town before asking the town to spend money on our

behalf.

- This last item raised the issue of the web links posted by the town on the EAC page. Some of them seem to have disappeared.
- ACTION: PG to confirm disappearance. If confirmed, CG to take up with Town Clerk. CBH to search for original list.

### **EAC Request for Information from Nina Nazarian**

- EAC members PG and CBH offered pared down information requests as agreed at last meeting.
- Both lists were similar, but the form offered by CBH was less massive. Consensus to respond with CBH list. PG moved to approve list as amended by CS. CBH 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 4-0
- ACTION: CBH to forward amended information request list to Nina Nazarian.
- Due to Town Employees and Select Board (SB) being already fully booked and the lack of resources as stated by Nina in the article in Redemption Rock News, EAC members discussed possible next steps for the EAC group. Consensus is that it would be a shame if our report ended up on the shelf with no action. At a minimum, EAC should lobby for its own website to present our information and educational material to the townspeople, town boards and employees.

### **EAC Recommended Reading List**

- Tabled until next meeting

### **Review next Environmental Action Plan (EAP) edited section—Energy**

- CG to begin edit/review of the latest draft of the Energy Section (CG as final author/editor was part of the original assignments taken on by EAC members.)
- Discussion about the best approach of two options: 1) to streamline the existing draft, putting more information in an Appendix as in the second iteration of this report, or 2) use an Executive Summary to provide a streamlined 5-page summary. ACTION: CG to explore.
- EAC Priorities
  - CG to review and develop final EAC Plan per EAC charter
  - Recommendations to be prioritized based on the EAC Survey conducted at the beginning of our committee: Energy and Waste Hauling. Action required for Princeton to become a Green Community will be highlighted as those are in line with the Energy results of the Survey.
  - Upon completion of the plan, EAC will utilize the remainder of our term to develop an implementation plan, with an objective of developing necessary town meeting warrant articles for the 2020 Annual Town Meeting.
  - The following schedule was adopted. Move to Adopt PG, CG 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 4-0
  - March 2019: Complete Current Plan
  - Ongoing: Continued educational/information outreach
  - March-April 2019: Present completed Plan to townspeople for feedback and input.
  - June 2019: Present final report to SB

### **Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

- Public Comment
- Review and approve December 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes
- Update on communications with Town Hall
- Review Initial Streamlined Report
- Feedback on Collins Center Meeting
- Feedback on Dec 12 PMLD meeting
- EAC Recommended Reading List

- EAC web links
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:10 PM

Motion: PG; CG 2nd; Vote 4-0

**ACTION ITEMS**

CG: Streamline Energy Section

CG, PG; Collins Center Meeting

PG PMLD Dec 12 meeting

PG Review Web Links, CBH to search for original list.

CBH to send updated EAC information request list to Nina Nazarian

CG Ask advice from Nina Re: Sensitive votes

Respectfully Submitted,

Philip Gott