# Princeton Environmental Action Committee (EAC) Meeting Minutes October 15, 2018

### Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

Committee members present:

Claire Golding (CG), Corey Burnham-Howard (CBH), Phoebe Moore (PM), Phil Gott (PG), Chris Samoiloff (CS)

### Public Comment: none

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

- October 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes
  - Typographical error edit suggested by CG
  - Motion to adopt as amended: PM; 2d: PG. Approved 5-0

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

#### *Editorial comments/changes:*

- Committee discusses options of using the following adjectives to describe energy types in the Environmental Action Plan (EAP): "renewable;" "alternative;" "sustainable" to describe energy that is not damaging to the environment.
- Action item: Define "Sustainable Energy"

#### Discussion of substantive comments:

- PG added some content to Energy section—primarily citations
- PM added content to Energy section
- Committee discusses PMLD autonomy as relates to EAP and EAP action items
- With regard to EAP Energy Section goal of reducing electric power cost, committee discusses wording of possible action Item: "Town to assess current electric power sources and how to move into the future of distributed energy generation." (Action Item: PG to rewrite and add related "present situation")
- Action Items:
  - PG to research wood stove environmental impacts and add to "additional background" of EAP Energy Section
  - CBH to retrieve PG's content on available state-sponsored van ride program and incorporate into EAP's Energy Section
  - CBH to research why PMLD windmills are not meeting our power demands and add to "additional background" of EAP Energy Section
  - PM to add to "additional background" of EAP Energy Section re: PMLD net metering policy information
  - PM to re-write first goal of "Heating and Cooling" subsection to reflect replacement of "fossil-fuel based energy sources with efficient and low carbon sources"
  - CBH to insert graph created by PG that reflects net PMLD carbon equivalent footprint

## **Other EAP work:**

- PG suggests considering for addition to Land Use Section- the creative use of common

space/open space for the planting of fruit trees and/or a community garden—for public consumption

- Committee discusses possible questions to pose to Town Administrator with regard to "present situation" information needed related to topics in all sections of EAP
  - CG to compile draft questions, receive individual feedback, and forward final to Town Administrator

# Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Public Comment
- Review and Approve Minutes of October 15, 2018 meeting
- Review next EAP edited section
- Review Town Administrator responses to EAC inquiries
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:05p Motion: PG; 2d: PM; 5-0

Respectfully Submitted, Corey Burnham-Howard