

Princeton Environmental Action Committee (EAC) Meeting Minutes September 17, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:18pm

Committee members present:

Claire Golding (CG), Corey Burnham-Howard (CBH), Phoebe Moore (PM)

Arrival at 7:26: Phill Gott (PG)

Absent: Chris Samoiloff (CS)

Public Comment: none

Review & Approve Minutes:

Meeting minutes were not distributed prior to meeting. CBH moves to table review and approval until next meeting. CG seconds. Approved 3-0 (PG arrived after this vote).

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

Discussion of editorial comments: need to ensure same fonts and headings as other sections of EAP; ensure report has endnotes citing facts stated (not footnotes)

Discussion of substantive comments:

- CBH notes that energy related action items related to electric power cannot/should not be directive to PMLD operations and/or policy as PMLD is a separate entity from Town of Princeton and report speaks to Town action. CG and PM agree. It is suggested that language of EAP can provide that the Town and/or EAC encourage and/or collaborate with PMLD regarding certain action items that would support EAP goals.
- CBH to add information on Massachusetts Green Community as applicable in Energy section—although details on “how to become a Massachusetts Green Community” will likely go in appendix or separate document
- PM to add action items related to solar hot water.
- Additional detailed information and background information to be moved to and/or added to an appendix—including links and resources for community members to learn more
- CBH suggests needing to consistently use the same term for alternative energy: “green” or “renewable” or “alternative” or “clean”. PG suggests “sustainable.” Committee agrees all terms should be defined in EAP.
- A suggestion is made to possibly break down recommended Energy action items into a Phase 1 (short-term) and Phase 2 (long-term) goals.
- CBH to further edit energy section and pass on to PM for PM’s additions and edits.

Discussion of EAP format and substance:

- Each writer will add their resources, additional detail, and information for sections they drafted; this will be useful to explain and clearly defend EAP
- Committee discusses restating goals before each action item. Majority are inclined to do so, particularly for detailed and long Energy section of EAP so reader best understands how actions suggested apply to goals identified.

- All recommended actions should include: steps and strategies, and benefits.
- All sources / citations to go in end notes
- Add the following sections to EAP: “How to Use”; Definitions; Abbreviations
- Include an Executive Summary that also includes timeline for action items
- PG suggests using Google Docs for editing purposes going forward. At this time, committee decides against using Google Docs. Committee will have one document for each subsection of EAP, with one “keeper” of the document at any given time.
- Edits to be made with “track changes.”
- CBH to review laws/regulations that may be applicable to each EAP section and make reference/inclusion in relevant section

PMLD Meeting Sign-up

- Members discuss purpose of regular attendance at PMLD meetings- including to show interest and support as EAC survey saw residents identifying energy as a primary concern/interest
- CBH to possibly attend October meeting; PM to possibly attend November meeting

Action Items

- CBH to make edits and add her action items to Energy section; Natural Resources section; Waste Section; Land Use section.
- PM to add her action items to Energy section
- CBH to review laws/regulations related to each section
- CBH to possibly draft “Other” section

Agenda items for next meeting

- Public comment period
- Review and approve minutes of September 5 and September 17, 2018 meeting
- Review Natural Resources section of EAP
- New Business
- Agenda items for next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm. (CBH motion to adjourn; Seconded by PG; Approved 4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Corey Burnham-Howard