

Princeton EAC

10/4/2017

Present: Claire Golding; Corey Burnham-Howard; Mike Knapp; Brett Gibbs; Phoebe Moore; Phil Gott (late arrival)

Meeting called to order: 7:10 pm

- No public comments
- Review last meeting minutes
 - o PM moved to approve ->CBH seconded; Unanimously approved
- Survey Questions
 - o Survey monkey free up to 10 questions
 - o Google forms – PM can look into
 - o Start with open-ended question
 - Then 5-point scale of importance – based on priority
 - 3 actions you'd like to see the town take
 - Or leave a comments section at end
 - o Questions:
 - Examples:
 - Building upgrades done enviro efficiently
 - Town adopt “stretch code”
 - Contract w/ one town-wide waste hauler
 - Green community
 - Education
 - Recycling bins in all town props
 - Waste audits on town buildings
 - Encourage “as of right” energy facilities siting
 - Town energy use
 - Night-time light pollution
 - Pest-mgmt policy
 - Carbon emissions reductions
 - Importance of making questions simple, 10 or less
 - ACTION ITEM: Phoebe will draft sample questions, EAC will finalize at next meeting
 - Where to advertise:
 - Next Door
 - Town News
 - Landmark
 - Running club; Horse club
 - Where to make hard-copy available; fill-out on the spot:
 - Town Hall
 - Post Office

- Mountainside Market
 - Thirsty Lab
 - ACTION ITEM: CG will ask Library and/or Town Hall if they'll allow for place to return surveys
 - Will provide a copy to Board of Selectmen
 - Provide survey to TPS?
 - ACTION ITEM: CG Reach out to Acting Principal of TPS
 - Simplified survey
 - ACTION ITEM: PM will create this
 - 3rd Grade and Up
 - Consensus approved
 - Topic Areas for EAP
 - *Energy (use reduction, efficiency, renewable energy, climate change/carbon)*
 - *Waste Materials Management (waste reduction and recycling)*
 - *Natural Systems and Natural Resources Management (water conservation, wells, septic systems)*
 - *Land Use (preservation of vistas and rural qualities; recreational trails; ecological maintenance) (all identified in Master Plan) (also agriculture)*
 - Possible additions:
 - Wildlife conservation
 - Transportation/electric vehicles
 - Unanimous support for these four categories
 - Proposed Email to other town committees
 - EAC reviewed letter and unanimously approved
 - ACTION ITEM: CG will send out to all boards
- Potential Speakers for future meetings
 - MA Green Communities
 - Rutland starting work towards a green community, not completed yet
 - Has reached out to Central Mass liaison
 - Administrator had previously been administrator of a town that became a Green Community
 - ACTION ITEM: CG can reach out to Central Mass Liaison; Rutland town admin; to see about speaking
 - Possibly invite BOS to participate as well
 - MA Clean Energy Action Network (MCAN)
 - Possible speaker
 - Speaker about being a “green” municipal light department
 - Brian Allen, PMLD
 - Speak about how restrictions re: green energy issues
 - Nexterra contract for energy
 - Rick Rys

- PG reported that he received two comments from the same individual while staffing an EAC table at Princetonfest
 - o Preserve Hall's Field
 - o Septic system for Mechanic's Hall
- EAC unanimously approved links to include on EAC website
- Next meeting agenda:
 - o Finalize survey questions and survey outreach plan
 - o Discuss possible speaker dates
 - o Assign EAP categories/issues for individual members to research