**Princeton Environmental Action Committee (EAC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**2/21/18**

* Meeting commenced 7:05 pm
* Present: Mike Knapp (MK); Corey Burnham-Howard (CBH); Brett Gibbs (BG); Phil Gott (PG); Claire Golding (CG);
	+ Not Present: Phoebe Moore(PM)
* Public comment period: no public comments
* Review and approve minutes: postponed to next meeting
* Rotate role of secretary?
	+ Will see if a new member is interested
	+ For now MK will continue in the role
	+ At 6 month mark, we may start to rotate
* Resident Survey summary report:
	+ PM put together a qualitative report of the survey
	+ **ACTION ITEM**: Deadline for looking at Phoebe’s report by end of this week (Sunday night) to see if anything jumps out for highlighting, noting of themes
		- Reply all
* Sharing Survey Results: not to present conclusions/recommendations, but simply share results of the survey
	+ w/ Board of Selectmen (BOS) on March 5th
		- need to ask at that meeting what the exact term of EAC is (to June or September?)
		- Provide them with hard copies of PM’s reports
	+ w/ PMLD and try to present at their next meeting after the 3/5 meeting
		- **ACTION ITEM**: CG will find out when next meeting is after 3/5 and try to get on their agenda
	+ **Action Item:** CBH will put a notice in town news regarding meetings at BOS and PMLD survey presentation
		- CBH moved**;** MK seconded; 5-0
	+ **Action Item:** CG will check in with Nina to see if she can extend invitation to other committees to the 3/5 (or next scheduled) BOS meeting to hear EAC presentation on the survey
* Massachusetts Green Communities
	+ Update that Green Communities confirmed Princeton has one investor-owned utility customer, which is one way to meet a key eligibility requirements of becoming a Green Community
	+ Should we have MA Green Communities present to BOS?
		- Debate about whether we should have that presentation now or later on when EAC recommendations more developed
		- **ACTION ITEM**: CG will check in with Green Communities contact (Kelly Brown) to get her thoughts on best timing to present to BOS
* New Member: Chris Samoiloff
	+ CG moved; PG seconded; approved 5-0
* Energy Advocacy Through Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN)
	+ MCAN has asked whether EAC would like to form a chapter
		- Would mean becoming part of a network with other towns, get advice/training
		- Examples of what chapters are doing: greenhouse gas inventories; speakers series; etc.
	+ Committee agreed that this would not be appropriate for EAC, more appropriate for individuals in individual capacities
* Wachusett Meadow Sanctuary Sheep Fest (April 28th at 1:00pm) – EAC presence?
	+ Sanctuary would be interested in having EAC at fest
	+ We could perhaps have an information sheet on gardening, lawn care, pesticides, etc.
	+ Not clear whether this falls within our town warrant mission
		- **ACTION ITEM**: CG will check in w/ BOS at next meeting as to whether they are comfortable with EAC doing outreach/info sharing
	+ PG moved to approve this, pending BOS approval, MK seconded
		- 5-0 approval
* EAP Research and inquiry; status update, outlines
	+ Important for any recommendations contained in final document:
		- What are costs?
		- Where to get funding?
		- What are benefits?
* Work in groups?
	+ Members working in specific topic areas will inform other members which sections they are working on
* Agenda items for next meeting (March 7th):
	+ Public comment period
	+ Review and approve meetings of last two meetings
	+ Update on BOS meeting
	+ Report on Sheep fest
	+ Status report on plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Knapp