

Princeton Environmental Action Committee

9/25/2017 Meeting Minutes

- Present: Claire Golding; Corey Burnham-Howard; Mike Knapp; Phil Gott; Brett Gibbs
- Start at 7:34pm
- Review minutes:
 - o Level of detail okay with all
 - o Minutes approved 5-0
 - PG – CBH
- Links on town website fine with Lynn
 - o Keep up-to-date, remove dead links
 - o PG will volunteer to keep site up to date:
 - o Any ideas on what to put on website:
 - B: renewable energy stuff
 - MACEC.org – run by the Commonwealth
 - PG: Johnson controls link regarding whether hybrid is right for you
 - CBH: has list of links
 - Divided into categories
 - PG: craft a disclaimer up front?
 - o Creation of own website for EAC
 - o CBH: send around list of links:
 - Members will add other ideas
 - o Action item: review / add / prioritize to Corey
 - Consensus approved
- Email from David Pratt re: need for polling of residents/town
 - o Consensus: important for EAC to do a survey
- Public outreach
 - o Environmental suggestions box at town gatherings
 - o Table at “Princeton Fest”
 - Ask Holly Lucht at Parks & Rec
 - CBH can reach out
 - PG may be able to do it
 - Could give copy of Town charter
 - o CBH can also ID upcoming events if possible
 - o Timeframe of survey creation:
 - Someone should take first stab
 - Rating system: 0-5 how important
 - See if Phoebe is interested in doing, expressed interest previously
 - October 4th meeting: try to come to agreement on survey by then
 - 2 week period to respond
 - Try to have findings wrapped up in November 1st
 - Getting out link:
 - Town News Email blast

- Landmark
 - Possibly Telegram Gazette
 - NextDoor Princeton
 - Paper copies available for those who don't have internet
 - Brainstorming of Questions:
 - What would you want to know more about?
 - What actions would you like to see the town take?
 - Action item: Bring questions to next meeting
 - Courtesy to give copy to town of selectmen
 - Nina provide a heads up to Selectmen re: canvassing
 - CG will let Nina know
 - Outreach to businesses
 - Lincoln, NE examples of working with businesses
- Master plan
 - Important to get sense of community
 - Goals ID'd there help EAC achieve its goal
 - Reference other town policies, state laws, policies, etc., that govern
- Discuss other Town plans
 - CBH reviewed several
 - Common trends in framework
 - CBH contacted 4 cities to see what worked
 - Tacoma said what worked:
 - Keep the plan short
 - Numerical, hard 2020 targets, be able to track
 - Steering committees for each topic
 - Big public meeting + online survey
 - Rate by priority
 - Now have yearly meetings to talk about progress with council members
 - CG looked for towns similar size
 - Rutland just became a green community
 - CBH priorities:
 - Energy
 - Materials mgmt.
 - Natural systems
 - Land use
 - Other ideas:
 - Light pollution
 - Plastic water bottle ban
 - Next meeting, come ready with top 5 topic areas:
 - Action item: CBH will send out her example
- Possible outside speakers
 - Kelly Brown, green communities

- Rep from City of Rutland who worked on green community
- Reps from other town committees
- Reach out to other committees
 - Send email questionnaire to town boards
 - Have someone review other town committee minutes and report out what's going on.
 - Make clear we want communication will be two-way street
 - Action item: CBH will draft email we could send out
- Facilities Steering Committee
 - CG went to meeting. They're about to meet with contractors/etc. to get out info
 - CG sent a question to the committee re: whether green building experience was a criterion for assessing
 - Not currently, but will consider
 - There will be public comment period after they interview
 - "Stretch code" – many MA towns have adopted it (197)
- How to deal with public comment
 - Have sign-up sheet, provided 5 minutes at beginning of meeting
 - Include as first thing in Agenda.
 - CG is willing to be email contact for group
 - CG will ask whether we can have a public email address
- Agenda items for next meeting:
 - Survey questions
 - Topic areas for EAP
 - Finalize emails for committees
 - Finalize links for website
 - Approve minutes
 - Public comment