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**Maynard Sustainability Committee**

**Minutes, 6 February 2023, 7 PM**, in person (hybrid meeting)

**Members present in person:** Zana Cranmer, Orian Greene, Priscilla Ryder (co-chair), Meg Sobkowicz Kline, Kate Wheeler (co-chair)

**Members present on zoom:** Sally Warner (notetaker)

**Members absent:** Lisa Vernegaard

**Others present:** Enid Voss (zoom), Toni (zoom), Julie Love Gagen (in person), Roger Stillwater (zoom)

- I. **Meeting called to order** at 7:04 PM
- II. **Minutes approved** for January 9 meeting; KW moves, OG seconds, 6-0 approve
- III. **Next meeting date:** meeting set for Monday, March 6 at 7 PM. We will attempt to meet on the first Monday of the month going forward.
- IV. **Climate Action Plan** (ZC presenting)
  - a. PR likes the Wayland plan because it's short and to the point and it has a section where specific tasks can be listed in a checklist.
  - b. ZC says that we need to be up front about the fact that we realize the financial limitations of Maynard and discuss how we will attempt to fund projects with grants as much as possible.
  - c. MSK suggests adding data from the town survey; maybe also include an appendix with all of the survey results
  - d. Goal is to present a draft of this at the spring town meeting in May (no vote necessary, but we want to have some sort of format where people can provide feedback)
  - e. KW suggests that we have a specific meeting for editing this doc. (This would be an open meeting.) SW likes this idea.
- V. **Community Energy Aggregation** (SW presenting)
  - a. SW received many docs from Peregrine (MassPowerChoice). She will share them with PR; one needs to be shared with the town council.
  - b. We need to decide on names
    - i. Overall name: Maynard Electric Choice
    - ii. 3 options:
      1. Maynard 100% Green
      2. Maynard Standard
      3. Maynard Basic

- VI. **MSBA and Green Meadow school design** (MSK presenting)
  - a. There was a recent meeting where MSK presented our letter with our requests for the sustainability of the new building
  - b. There was pushback about energy efficiency and net zero modeling because the designer/contractor said it would be too expensive
  - c. MSK's take on the committee's resistance to sustainable/green building suggestions: They are very concerned about the bottom line cost which will have to be approved by the town.
  - d. ZC has major concerns about their ground source heat pump (GSHP) lifecycle cost estimates. She presented alternate evidence that the subsidies would be significantly larger (and costs significantly lower) than what the consultants are saying. She is uncertain who she should talk to.
  - e. ZC will talk to Kim to confirm her numbers. Then she will reach out to the chair of the sustainability subcommittee to find out who she should reach out to.
  - f. Much discussion ensued
  - g. MSK will continue talking with the committee
  
- VII. **High school solar project**
  - a. No updates
  
- VIII. **Waste Diversion** (MSK and OG presenting)
  - a. The next meeting was cancelled because the agenda wasn't posted on time; the committee will meet in two weeks
  - b. Waneta has shared data with OG about all the towns with pay-as-you-throw
  - c. MSK is concerned that the committee is moving quickly enough to get competitive bids for creative solutions
  
- IX. **Nature Based Solutions** (PR preseting)
  - a. PR attended a meeting of a committee whose goal is to update a plan
  
- X. **Website** (SW presenting)
  - a. We'll need permission to post a link to our outside site on the committee's official page on the town's new website
  - b. At a certain point there will be a specific point person who can do updates to the new official town website.
  
- XI. **Grants**
  - a. JG says we should use the climate action plan to guide our priorities for which grants we should pursue.
  - b. JG says that our grants should be collaborative with other entities in town
  - c. JG says we should get an outside consultant to help us write more grant proposals
  - d. Possible sources: Green communities, MAPC,

**XII. Public Comment**

- a. Roger Stillwater had sent an email to PR about helping to get a grant to fund a sustainability coordinator

**XIII. Adjourn**

- a. MSK moves, OG seconds, 6-0 in favor