

Maynard Sustainability Committee

Draft Minutes, 12 April 2022, 7 PM, via Zoom

Members present: Zana Cranmer, Orian Greene, Priscilla Ryder (co-chair), Meg Sobkowicz-Kline, Sally Warner (notetaker), Kate Wheeler (co-chair)

Members absent: Lisa Vernegaard

Others present: Ken Neuhauser (committee liaison to GM MSBA Committee), Andrea Becerra (Acton Sustainability Director; left after item III), Roger Stillwater (joined at 8:14 PM)

- I. **Meeting called to order**
- II. **Minutes approved** for 8 March 2022 meeting; SW moved; PR second; 6-0 in favor
- III. **Presentation by Andrea Becerra, Acton Sustainability Director**
 - a. Resources that Acton uses:
 - i. Climate Action Plan blueprint draft: www.acton-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7404/CAP-Blueprint
 - ii. Energize Acton: <https://community.massenergize.org/ActonMA/>
 - iii. Abode – coalition of engineers who specialize in heat pumps (www.abode.energy/acton); town finances this, it's about \$150 per caller
 - iv. Acton Power Choice Green – Increases amount of renewable energy is generated in Acton (<https://masspowerchoice.com/acton>)
 - i. KW asks if Acton would be interested in including another town in their community power aggregation; too late at this point because Acton would be making a bid in May
 - v. Polystyrene Collection – goes to Gold Circuit E-cycling (www.goldcircuit.io) who processes it; requires Acton sustainability folks to monitor the drop-off and make sure it's not contaminated
 - b. Acton hosts informational webinars on topics such as: (1) specifically for contractors, (2) air source heat pumps, (3) ground source heat pumps
 - c. KN asked how many folks are volunteers vs staff members. AB says it's mostly volunteers, but is very useful to have a staff member.
 - d. PR asks about the committee structure in Acton:
 - i. Acton Climate Coalition – advocates for bylaws and policy changes (analogous to Green Maynard)
 - ii. Green Advisory Board – Official town committee (analogous to this committee)
 - e. AB recommends reaching out to Weston and Wayland's committees to get advice about their sustainability committees

- IV. Continue Review of Current Sustainability Efforts and Goals**
 - a. MSK has some updates about waste, composting and recycling
 - b. SW will contact someone from Acton about community choice aggregation
 - c. ZC will focus on greenhouse gas inventory

- V. Green Meadow school building committee (MSBA) requests from KN**
 - a. KN asks for liaison from this committee to that committee to make sure that sustainability mandate is taken into consideration
 - b. Ask Jeff and Greg for clarification as to what we can do (PR will do this)
 - c. KW will gather goals from municipal building plans into a document
 - d. Committee is in favor of having one of our members on the Green Meadow school building committee
 - i. Motion: We would like the selectmen to acknowledge that school buildings need to be built such that they aim to net zero as per the Town of Maynard Masterplan (May 2020), and therefore would like a member from the sustainability committee to be on the school building committee.
 - ii. KW moves; OG seconds; 6-0 in favor

- VI. New Waste Management/Recycling committee**
 - a. KW moved to make MSK the representative from this committee on that committee; PR seconds; 6-0 in favor
 - b. OG will be at meeting later this week

- VII. Draft document about greenhouse gas inventory**
 - a. ZC will send out the draft document for comments (no decisions until next meeting)
 - b. KW asks if preserving natural lands can be included in this inventory
 - c. PR will ask LV to look at the Acton inventory of trees and natural lands

- VIII. State stretch building code**
 - a. No comments from committee

- IX. Comments from the public**
 - a. No comments from the public

- X. Motion to adjourn at 8:29**
 - a. KW moves; PR seconds; 6-0 in favor