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Maynard Sustainability Committee

Minutes, 12 September 2022, 7 PM, in person (with a Zoom option) Rm 102, Maynard Town Hall

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

Members present on zoom: none

Members absent: Lisa Vernegaard

Others present: Jeffrey Swanberg (liaison to the town's select board; in person), Vince Grano (on zoom), Ken Neuhauser (liaison to the GM MSBA Committee, in person)

- I. **Meeting called to order** at 7:04 PM
- II. **Minutes approved** for July meeting; KW moves, MSK seconds, 6-0 approve
- III. **Next meeting dates:** October meeting set for Monday, October 17, 2022 at 7 PM; November meeting set for Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7 PM. Meetings will continue in a hybrid mode.
- IV. **Update: Climate survey** (ZC presenting):
 - a. Climate survey has been finalized.
 - b. There have been ~70 responses so far.
 - c. It has been or will be distributed to:
 - i. Green Maynard
 - ii. OR gave it to the Green committee in the high school and said it should be given to students
 - iii. Posted at the library
 - iv. KW had it at the Farmer's Market
 - v. KW has asked Megan to put it in the town administrator newsletter
 - vi. KW has asked for it to be posted on our sus com website
 - vii. It will be posted to facebook pages that relate to various town groups
 - viii. Action Unlimited – everyone agrees that would be a good place to put it
 - ix. KW will be in touch with school secretaries to see if can be introduced to students
 - x. KW will look into getting them posted into the town kiosks and bulletin boards
 - xi. ZC will send it to groups she is associated with.
 - xii. Maynard Fest
 - xiii. Submit to correspondence for the Select Board

- xiv. ZC will send an email with quotable text that we can use when distributing the flyer

V. Update: Climate Action Plan

- a. Workshops are being tentatively planned for the evening of Wednesday, November 16 (7 PM) and the afternoon of Saturday, December 3 (2 PM) in the Library.

VI. Greenhouse gas inventory

- a. KW motions that we submit the link to the survey and a note about the GHG inventory survey to the Select Board correspondence. Seconds by OR. 6-0 in favor.

VII. Community Choice Aggregation

- a. Meeting to introduce Peregrine Energy to the Select Board has been moved to Tuesday, September 27.

VIII. MSBA process

- a. KW and KN attended a MSBA sustainability subcommittee meeting on Thursday, September 8.
- b. Ideally, we would like to know when the next meeting occurs. Right now, a meeting is set via email among committee members and is only published publicly 48 hours in advance.
- c. Note that the sustainability subcommittee is not a decision-making body. They will simply provide recommendations to the larger MSBA committee.
- d. Goals and criteria (KN presenting)
 - i. Use models for net-zero schools. Look to districts (e.g. Cambridge) who have created net-zero school buildings.
 - 1. We need to be specific that we want the school to be Net-zero or at least Net-zero-ready
 - 2. ZC says that improvements need to be made on the design that focus on energy.
 - ii. LEED Gold standard
 - 1. We should apply the most pressure on energy items
 - iii. Design a school that can be easily retrofitted to be fossil-fuel free eventually if it can't be done at the outset.
 - 1. This is particularly relevant for the kitchen.
 - iv. Conduct a life cycle cost analysis
 - 1. If these technologies can pay for themselves within 30 years (the length of a municipal bond), then they are financially viable for the town.
 - v. Look at life cycle greenhouse gas emissions (both building and operation)

1. We need the emissions from the new building, including the construction emissions, to be less than the emissions from the existing building for 10 years.
- vi. Low water use (indoor and outdoor) and native, drought-tolerant plant landscaping
- vii. Build for climate resiliency up to 50 years into the future.
- e. KW makes a motion that KN writes a letter based on the goals discussed that will then be sent to the MSBA committee by PR. OR seconds. Vote is 6-0 in favor.

IX. Waste management

- a. Mattress disposal – street pickup by Harvey ends on November 1
- b. Our contract can be temporarily renewed an additional 2 times, which buys us some time for making new decisions.

X. Public comment

- a. VG has questions about the greenhouse gas inventory. Suggests the importance of reducing residential emissions.

XI. Adjourn at 9:00 PM

- a. KW moves; MSK seconds; 6-0 in favor

Notes prepared by Sally Warner