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## **Maynard Sustainability Committee**

**Minutes, 17 October 2022, 7 PM**, in person (with a Zoom option)

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

**Members present on zoom:** none

**Members absent:** Meg Sobkowicz Kline, Lisa Vernegaard

**Others present:** Jeffrey Swanberg (liaison to the town's select board; in person), Vince Grano (on zoom), Ken Neuhauser (liaison to Green Meadow Building Committees, on zoom)

- I. **Meeting called to order** by PR at 7:03 PM
- II. **Minutes approved** for September meeting; KW moves, OG seconds, 5-0 approve
- III. **Next meeting dates:** November meeting set for Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7 PM; December meeting set for Monday, December 12 at 7 PM. Meetings will continue in a hybrid mode.
- IV. **Update: Climate survey** (ZC presenting)
  - a. Over 230 responses to the survey have been received
  - b. ZC shared some preliminary graphs with results
- V. **Workshops** (ZC presenting)
  - a. Title: Energy and resilience planning for the town of Maynard
  - b. Wednesday, November 16 at 7 PM at town hall
  - c. Saturday, December 3 at 2 PM at the library
  - d. Goals
    - i. Ice breaker to find out people's reaction to the survey
    - ii. Background of the greenhouse gas inventory and update on what the state is doing to cut emissions
    - iii. Find out people's priorities and the barriers that they face in implementing climate solutions
  - e. Advertising the meetings
    - i. Media: MetroWest Daily News, Action Unlimited, Globe MetroWest
    - ii. Repeat everything we did for the survey: facebook, posting flyers around town,
    - iii. ZC will draft a flyer for the meetings
- VI. **Grants** (PR presenting)

- a. PR and KW submitted a grant application to MAPC “Accelerating Climate Resilience”
  - b. Asked for \$60k
  - c. Included money to pay for ArcGIS licenses for Town Hall staff.
- VII. **Community Energy Aggregation**
- a. Peregrine presented at the Select Board meeting on 9/27
  - b. Peregrine came to the Select Board meeting again on 10/4 to answer further questions
  - c. Select Board gave approval for Greg Johnson to work with Peregrine to come up with a contract, which will be sent back to the Select Board for approval.
- VIII. **MSBA (KN presenting)**
- a. Our memo to the MSBA select board was discussed by the committee. They have asked for clarification on numerous items. Some of the most pertinent include:
    - i. JS asks if there can be a timeline of when cost and feasibility evaluations for all of the aspects of the project will be completed
    - ii. 10-year cumulative GHG emissions assessment compared to the current Green Meadow School operating emissions was met with some resistance, but there will be a proposal about this
    - iii. Water use: Having dual plumbing systems to use rainwater indoors (say for toilet flushing) might be prohibitively expensive. Our response: our request was intended to deal more with outdoor water use for landscaping
    - iv. We approve all of KN’s clarifications to the memo
  - b. MSBA meeting minutes are supposedly being posted to a google doc, but KN is not able to access these
    - i. JS asked them to be posted in a more accessible place at the last Select Board meeting. He also asked them to follow the rules about posing when the meetings would occur more in advance.
  - c. KN asks for more backups from our committee who can possibly attend these meetings (both School Building Committee and Sustainability Subcommittee of the School Building Committee) when he can’t. MSK and ZC can attend when needed and when they are available.
  - d. \*Future project for SusCom: work to get solar panels on buildings like the high school and fire department that are built as “solar ready” but don’t yet have panels.
- IX. **Waste diversion (OG presenting)**
- a. OG talked to Waneta about town-wide composting. She suggested designating a preferred vendor like Black Earth Compost. Let’s figure out what other towns have done to get town-wide composting.
- X. **Nature based solutions (PR presenting)**

- a. Hazard Mitigation Plan has to be renewed. This needs to be in place to get FEMA money if we have a natural disaster. Justin is looking for someone from SusCom to be on this committees.
  - i. PR will send out plan and at that point someone can volunteer for this short-term committee
  
- XI. **Communication/website** (SW presenting)
  - a. SW will reach out to Megan about the town's new website
  - b. SW will email committee members with link to draft of site and an ask for:
    - i. Short bios
    - ii. Text and suggestions for website
  
- XII. Heat pump workshop at the Maynard Public Library tomorrow hosted by GreenMaynard.
  
- XIII. Public comment
  - a. Vincent Grano
    - i. Electric vehicles
    - ii. Green Meadow School – emissions from concrete
  
- XIV. KW motion to adjourn, OG seconds, 5-0 in favor.

Notetaker: Sally Warner