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## **Maynard Sustainability Committee**

**Minutes, 12 December 2022, 7 PM**, in person (Zoom option not working)

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

**Members present on zoom:** N/A

**Members absent:** Lisa Vernegaard, Kate Wheeler (co-chair)

**Others present:** Ken Neuhauser

- I. **Meeting called to order** at 7:09 PM (after some technical difficulties)
- II. **Minutes approved** for October meeting; MSK moves, OG seconds, 5-0 approve
- III. **Next meeting date:** meeting set for Monday, January 9 at 7 PM.
- IV. **Climate Action Plan** (ZC presenting)
  - a. Looked into Climate Action Plans (CAPs) from peer towns. Pepperell is the best match both in size and income, numerous other towns' CAPs to see what they included in their plans.
  - b. Suggestion to connect our CAP to other existing town documents such as the Master Plan.
  - c. Goal is for this to be ready by the May town meeting (May 19, 2023) where it can be acknowledged by the Select Board (no votes required). Therefore, by early March we should have a good draft that can then be circulated for input.
  - d. Definitely want to get input from various committees, such as the finance committee, schools committee, etc. Also want input from town staff.
  - e. Goal is to make it short with action items and possibly timelines.
  - f. How do we collaborate in the most efficient way (i.e. with a shared google doc) without violating open meeting laws? Ask Jeff about the rules.
- V. **Community Energy Aggregation** (PR presenting)
  - a. The Select Board has signed a contract with Peregrine Energy.
  - b. SW will contact Paul Gromer from Peregrine about timeline and next steps before our January meeting.
- VI. **MSBA and Green Meadow school design** (PR and KN presenting)
  - a. The review process has been postponed until the spring.
  - b. We likely need to write a new letter asking for specific information from the committee.

- c. PR and KN attended a webinar. There's a selectman from Lexington — where they recently built 2 net zero schools — who would be willing to talk to us about all of the green energy and sustainability advantages and incentives. There is also someone from Acton who could talk to these topics.
- d. Want to make sure there's collaboration between the design team and Eversource.
- e. KN will initiate liaising with committee and setting up meeting with the selectman from Lexington.

VII. **Waste Diversion** (MSK and OG presenting)

- a. A Waste Taskforce has been formed with Justin leading. It will meet Tuesdays at 5 PM.
- b. Julie Gagen sent a message about the fact that our schools don't have a Green Team. This is a teacher-led effort to help students implement sustainability initiatives.
- c. Composting – recommended to have a town place for composting, but it would require staffing.
- d. Add all of these as action items to our Climate Action Plan

VIII. **Nature Based Solutions** (PR presenting)

- a. PR and KW have been going through previously existing town documents in an effort to devise a plan.

IX. **Website** (SW presenting)

- a. Updates to be made by the next meeting.

X. **Grants** (PR and ZC contributing)

- a. Did not get the grant that PR and KW had applied for.
- b. ZC suggested other grants that we would be eligible for:
  - i. Block grants from the Inflation Reduction Act
  - ii. Grants from Renew America's Schools
  - iii. Green Communities (but we may have used up our quota for these already)
  - iv. Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program
- c. OC emailed all of us about a grant that was obtained by Sudbury to fund their sustainability coordinator. We should look into hiring someone through a grant.

XI. **Adjourn**

- a. PR moves, MSK seconds, 5-0 in favor