

Town of Princeton Environmental Action Committee (EAC)

Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

Committee members present:

Corey Burnham-Howard (CBH), Claire Golding (GC), [Chris Samoiloff](#) (CS)

Public Comment: None.

Review & Approve Minutes:

- September 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - o Minutes approved with minor edits.
Motion: CS; 2d: CG; Vote: 3-0
- September 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - o Minutes approved with minor grammatical edits.
Motion: CS; 2d: CG; Vote: 3-0

Princeton Municipal Light Department (PMLD) Update

- None

Hey Day Report

- CG, CS and CBH attended. EAC hosted table with draft Environmental Action Plan (EAP) for review, question, and comment. There was minimal traffic at EAC table. Those who stopped by at table were interested and supportive.

EAP Next Steps

- If moving forward on Green Communities designation—dependent on Selectboard feedback—EAC will need to provide regular information sharing to town residents, particularly with regard to three related bylaws that would need Town Meeting vote
 - o CG suggests getting information from other towns—such as Rutland—as to how they were successful in becoming a designated Green Community

Comments to Date (on draft EAP)

- Comments received to date on EAP are mostly supportive with some feedback on additional sub-topics. For example, Charlie Cary has offered a perspective on using locally available wood heat, and Richard Chase has suggested pursuit of Green Communities designation.

Town Buzz 9/19

- EAC—with CG and CBH in attendance—will present EAP at Town Buzz on 9/19/19 at 11:30a.
 - o This will be a causal forum. No PowerPoint presentation. Outline of EAC presentation on EAP will be: why the EAP was created; how EAP was developed; summary of EAP; questions and concerns from audience

Public Forum 10/2

- EAC will host a public forum on 10/2/19 at 7p at Senior Center to present and receive comment on EAP. All EAC members expect to attend.

- CG will give PowerPoint presentation on EAP:
 - why the EAP was created; how EAP was developed; a summary of the EAP, including mention of the 4 sections; discussion of EAC's recommended priorities based on EAC survey of residents and EAC's research of Town needs; opportunity for feedback and questions and concerns from audience
- ACTION: CBH will draft PowerPoint presentation for EAC member individual review and CG finalization
- ACTION: CG and CS to draft press releases for Town News and The Landmark and Redemption Rock News—providing link to draft EAP for resident review and information regarding public forum date, time, and location

Kelly Brown Presentation to Selectboard (SB) 10/15

- EAC has coordinated presentation to SB by Kelly Brown—the Green Communities Division liaison for Central Massachusetts—on October 15 at 7p. (CS will not be present, but other EAC members expect to attend.)
 - Possible EAC questions for Kelly Brown at the presentation:
 - Layman explanations as to “as-of-right” sighting and as to Stretch Code applicability

Priorities List for SB

- EAC to provide SB with recommended EAP priority actions, as requested by SB
 - ACTION: CBH to finalize draft priorities letter and list for individual EAC member feedback by 9/25/19. CG will then finalize and send to SB.

EAC Schedule for Public Communications

- EAC to create schedule for regular public communications
 - EAC suggests creation of “master” folder in EAC Gmail account with subfolders within—to include information in all subject areas, which can be used for creation of public information advisories
 - ACTION: CBH to create EAC master folder
 - ACTION: CS to contact Danielle Ray for contact information and deadlines for publications
 - ACTION: CS to create list of information topics for public communications schedule

Town-wide Cleanup Day with Parks & Rec. and Open Space Committees

- EAC previously discussed suggesting April 2020 date.
- EAC members agree to table further discussion on this agenda item for future meeting.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting (October 2, 2019)

- Public Forum on EAP

Agenda Items for Next Meeting (October 21, 2019)

- Public Comment
- Review and Approve Minutes of September 16, 2019
- Charlie Cary- Local Wood Recovery and Use
- PMLD Updates, if any
- EAP 10/2 Public Forum Report
- EAP 9/19 Town Buzz Report
- Kelly Brown's Green Communities Presentation to SB Report

- Green Communities Next Steps
- EAP Next Steps
- EAC Public Communications Update
- Town-wide Cleanup Day
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Motion: CBH; 2d: CS; Vote: 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Corey Burnham-Howard