

**Princeton Environmental Action Committee (EAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**2/21/18**

- Meeting commenced 7:05 pm
- Present: Mike Knapp (MK); Corey Burnham-Howard (CBH); Brett Gibbs (BG); Phil Gott (PG); Claire Golding (CG);
  - o Not Present: Phoebe Moore(PM)
- Public comment period: no public comments
- Review and approve minutes: postponed to next meeting
- Rotate role of secretary?
  - o Will see if a new member is interested
  - o For now MK will continue in the role
  - o At 6 month mark, we may start to rotate
- Resident Survey summary report:
  - o PM put together a qualitative report of the survey
  - o **ACTION ITEM:** Deadline for looking at Phoebe's report by end of this week (Sunday night) to see if anything jumps out for highlighting, noting of themes
    - Reply all
- Sharing Survey Results: not to present conclusions/recommendations, but simply share results of the survey
  - o w/ Board of Selectmen (BOS) on March 5<sup>th</sup>
    - need to ask at that meeting what the exact term of EAC is (to June or September?)
    - Provide them with hard copies of PM's reports
  - o w/ PMLD and try to present at their next meeting after the 3/5 meeting
    - **ACTION ITEM:** CG will find out when next meeting is after 3/5 and try to get on their agenda
  - o **Action Item:** CBH will put a notice in town news regarding meetings at BOS and PMLD survey presentation
    - CBH moved; MK seconded; 5-0
  - o **Action Item:** CG will check in with Nina to see if she can extend invitation to other committees to the 3/5 (or next scheduled) BOS meeting to hear EAC presentation on the survey
- Massachusetts Green Communities
  - o Update that Green Communities confirmed Princeton has one investor-owned utility customer, which is one way to meet a key eligibility requirements of becoming a Green Community
  - o Should we have MA Green Communities present to BOS?
    - Debate about whether we should have that presentation now or later on when EAC recommendations more developed

- **ACTION ITEM:** CG will check in with Green Communities contact (Kelly Brown) to get her thoughts on best timing to present to BOS
- New Member: Chris Samoiloff
  - o CG moved; PG seconded; approved 5-0
- Energy Advocacy Through Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN)
  - o MCAN has asked whether EAC would like to form a chapter
    - Would mean becoming part of a network with other towns, get advice/training
    - Examples of what chapters are doing: greenhouse gas inventories; speakers series; etc.
  - o Committee agreed that this would not be appropriate for EAC, more appropriate for individuals in individual capacities
- Wachusett Meadow Sanctuary Sheep Fest (April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm) – EAC presence?
  - o Sanctuary would be interested in having EAC at fest
  - o We could perhaps have an information sheet on gardening, lawn care, pesticides, etc.
  - o Not clear whether this falls within our town warrant mission
    - **ACTION ITEM:** CG will check in w/ BOS at next meeting as to whether they are comfortable with EAC doing outreach/info sharing
  - o PG moved to approve this, pending BOS approval, MK seconded
    - 5-0 approval
- EAP Research and inquiry; status update, outlines
  - o Important for any recommendations contained in final document:
    - What are costs?
    - Where to get funding?
    - What are benefits?
- Work in groups?
  - o Members working in specific topic areas will inform other members which sections they are working on
- Agenda items for next meeting (March 7<sup>th</sup>):
  - o Public comment period
  - o Review and approve meetings of last two meetings
  - o Update on BOS meeting
  - o Report on Sheep fest
  - o Status report on plan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Knapp

