DEDHAM SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

FEB 8, 2023

PRESENT (REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM): PATRICK HOGAN, MICHEAL DEWINTER, LEIGH HAFREY, DAVID WARD, EMILY WALTON, CHUCK KABAT, DEB HARRISON (TOOK NOTES), ELI BOSSIN

7:04 PM: MOTION TO START MEETING, MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

(1)—PUBLIC COMMENT:

• ELI BOSSIN, DEDHAM RESIDENT, CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT THE COMMITTEE'S WORK IS

(2)-MIT ENDICOTT PROPERTY ALONG WESTFIELD STREET AND BACKING UP TO COMMON STREET DISCUSSION:

- COMMUNITY GROUP EFFORT HAS COME TOGETHER TO ADDRESS POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
- SEVERAL MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNITY GROUP HAVE OCCURRED, GROUP HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE ALSO
- NOTHING AS OF THIS MEETING DATE SUBMITTED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION/CONSERVATION COMMISSION
- ARE THERE VERNAL POOLS ON PROPERTY?
- CONNECTION TO THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN: THIS IS TOWN TREE COVER, GREEN SPACE, DEVELOPMENT COULD REDUCE TOWN TREE COVER
- STORM WATER IMPLICATIONS?
- DEB TO REACH OUT TO ORGANIZER OF THE COMMUNITY GROUP

LEIGH ALSO MENTIONED DEVELOPMENT OF LOWDER STREET LAND (48 ACRES, 26 HOUSES) DISCUSSION:

TOWN ACCESS TO A PORTION OF THIS LAND? HOW TO ACCESS?

(3)-TOWN GREEN WORKING GROUP (TGWG) DISCUSSION

- · MIKE BUTLER IS CHAIR OF TGWG
- DEB REACHED OUT TO HIM ON BEHALF OF SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE, WITH SUPPORT AND INQUIRING HOW TO LEARN OF MEETINGS
- MIKE'S REPLY INCLUDED MENTION OF LINK ON TOWN WWW SITE TO SUBSCRIBE TO TOWN COMMITTEE/ BOARD MEETINGS, THANKS FOR SUPPORT FROM DSAC
- DEB ALSO SENT MIKE A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN LINK, NOTING AREAS IN THE CPA THAT THE TOWN GREEN LINES UP WITH

(4)—DEDHAM'S TREE CANOPY DISCUSSION:

- INTERACTIVE TREE CANOPY LINK ON TOWN WWW SITE DOES NOT WORK (ALERT JOE)
- WE HAVE QUESTIONS FOR JOE RE THE SPRING RECYCLING EVENT AND ALSO RE TREES
- PATRICK WILL REACH OUT TO JOE FLANAGAN RE THIS, CHUCK ALSO TO FOLLOW UP

(5)—CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) OUTREACH DISCUSSION:

- WE HAVE AGREED TO REACH OUT TO TOWN COMMITTEES RE THE CAP
- TOWN GREEN PROJECT/TGWG IS A GOOD STEP IN DOING THIS
- KEEP LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH COMMITTEES AND SHARE THE CAP
- ALSO IMPORTANT TO FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH COMMITTEES
- SBRC: CONNECT WITH THE CAP?

(6)—SCHOOL PROJECT DISCUSSION:

MICHEAL: ATTENDED RECENT MEETING.

- PROJECT IS STILL EARLY IN THE PROCESS AND MORE PUBLIC COMMENT WILL OCCUR.
- A NEW BUILDING IS A POSSIBILITY, POSSIBILITY OF GRANT FUNDING? (MBSA GRANT), SITE SELECTION DISCUSSION CURRENTLY OCCURRING, THEN PUBLIC COMMENT
- RELATED: SOLAR PPA POSSIBLE AT TOWN MEETING? TIMELINE IS SHORT, NOT LIKELY (PER DENISE MARONEY)
- PPA POSSIBLE FOR OAKDALE PROJECT? SHARE THE CAP?
- DSAC SUPPORTS PPA
- ANOTHER QUESTION RAISED: DOES DSAC WRITE A LETTER TO EACH COMMITTEE TO SHARE THE CAP?
 IDENTIFY RELEVANT GOALS TO EACH COMMITTEE'S WORK? OFFER OUR SUPPORT TO THE OTHER
 COMMITTEES' WORK AND RELEVANT CONNECTIONS TO CAP?
- TIMING/TIMELINE FOR DOING THIS?
- SHOULD WE DRAFT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND ID IMPORTANT CONNECTIONS TO CAP?
- RE ENGAGING WITH SBRC:
- DAVID OFFERED TO BULLET OUR SUPPORT FOR SBRC AND RELEVANT CAP COMPONENTS
- EMILY, CHUCK, LEIGH TO REVIEW THE LETTER

(7)-RECYCLING DAY, EARTH DAY

- WE SHOULD DISCUSS AT MARCH MEETING
- SCHEDULE IT FOR EARTH DAY?
- 1 WEEK AFTER EARTH DAY IS NATIONAL ARBOR DAY (TREES TO DISTRIBUTE AGAIN?)
- RE EARTH DAY: DEDHAM DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE AS VOLUNTEERS?
- DEDHAM CIVIC PRID (JOHN AND NOREEN KYRIAKIS?)
- CLEAN UP AREAS-JOE FLANAGAN CAN SUGGEST?

(8)—PATRICK RE MVP REGIONAL MEETINGS

SCHEDULING IS BEGINNING, PATRICK HAS SHARED KERRY SNYDER'S EMAIL WITH US

(9)—OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- NANCY BAKER: RE MONTHLY ROTATING CHAIR FOR DSAC-IT IS OK, JUST ANNOUNCE AT END OF EACH MEETING WHO THE CHAIR WILL BE FOR THE NEXT MEETING
- · OPENINGS IN COMMITTEE:
- DAVID'S TERM EXPIRES IN MARCH, NANCY TO REPOST, DAVID CAN REAPPLY TO RENEW
- –ANDY'S TERM WILL ALSO EXPIRE
- STILL HAVE ONE OPENING, THERE IS AN APPLICANT.
- —9TH MEMBER OF DSAC IS A SELECTBOARD MEMBER, NANCY WILL PUT THIS ON SELECTBOARD AGENDA FOR THEM TO APPOINT SOMEONE

(10)—EMILY RE CAP:

- 60% OF TOWN GREENHOUSE GASES (GHG) ARE TOWN BUILDINGS
- RE THE STRETCH CODE-LEON ENCOURAGED DSAC TO SIGN A LETTER RE MORE SUSTAINABLE BUILDING CODE (STRETCH CODE HAS HIGHER REQ. THAN STATE CODE
- STRETCH CODE WILL HELP MOVE DEDHAM TOWARD NET ZERO
- AS A TOWN WITH A STRETCH CODE WE AUTOMATICALLY HAVE MORE STRICT CODES
- MASSACHUSETTS CREATED AN "OPT-IN" NET ZERO, WHICH ADDS TO BASE REQUIREMENTS AND TO STRETCH CODE, TOWNS CAN OPT INTO THIS

(11) EMILY WILL INVITE ADAM CHAPDELAINE TO NEXT MEETING (FORMER ARLINGTON SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTOR, DEDHAM TOWN RESIDENT

NEXT MEETING WED 3/15/23, DAVID WARD WILL CHAIR MEETING