



Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 1, 2023

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m., Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) members present were Angela Hawse, Dana Ivers, Dave Jones, Ken Mihelick and JT Thomas. Town Council member Terry Schuyler and Staff Representative Deb Overton were also present. Joyce Huang was absent.

2. Discussion re: Microgrid on Green St.

JT informed the board that the Town Council earmarked funds during the 2024 Budget Work Session for a microgrid on Green Street. Terry noted that SMPA is currently doing a soil feasibility study at the park that will provide information on what kind of solar array would be most effective at that location. There was discussion on how to provide the current stakeholders (The Community Garden and Apiary) with information on a possible Sustainability Park on Green Street that would include solar. Terry also suggested that the Town Council use all the funds the Town receives from the SMPA franchise fees for a Green Street Sustainability Park.

Dave made a motion that the Town Council use all funds from the SMPA franchise fees for a Green Street Sustainability Park. Dana seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by all members present.

The Board requested a work session on how best to approach the public and stakeholders on the benefits of having solar at Green Street Park, a date for the work session was set for November 14th at 5:00 pm.

3. Review Draft Net Zero Resolution for recommendation to Town Council.

The Board reviewed the Draft Resolution and requested that staff provide them with more information on what Net zero greenhouse gas emissions is and what Net Zero energy use is.

4. Discussion re: SAB terms of office.

The Board discussed the need to fill the open position on the Board. Ken made a motion that the Town solicit for one more board member. Angela seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by all members present. Discussion on terms of office will be placed on the agenda for the December meeting.

5. Discussion re: Youth Advisory Board's (YAB) participation in SAB meetings and events.

The Board agreed that they would like to invite members of YAB to SAB meetings and events. The Board is considering contacting the High School staff to see if they could talk with students about what the SAB does.

6. Other Items.

- Staff informed the Board that the December meeting would need to be moved. They agreed to move the meeting from December 6th to Tuesday December 12th.



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- Dave made a motion that staff create a Resolution requiring the use of aluminum cups at all town events. Dana seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by all members present.

7. Approval of minutes from Oct 4, 2023 regular meeting.

Dave made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Oct 4, 2023 meeting. Dana seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by all members present.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 7:05 p.m.