Minutes Green Marblehead Committee Sept 8, 2022

Approved with the addition of committee members in attendance at 10/26/2022 meeting

Attending: Brooks Winner, Eileen Mathieu, Thatcher Keezer, Alexa Singer, Andrew Petty, John Livermore, Becky Curran, Joe Kowalik, Lisa Wolf, John Buckey, general public

Updates:

Minutes from Aug 4, 2022 accepted as revised

Discussion of steps to adoption:

Agree that this is a Selectboard appointed committee acting on behalf of the Selectboard with representation from many town departments so it's recommendations would be expected to be presented to the Selectboard and adopted and then it becomes the Town's roadmap. People raised the issue that it was important to make sure that the Selectboard was involved early in the draft review or presentation process to be sure they were consulted, their concerns were heard, and the document would be accepted and adopted by them. There were some concerns that occasionally, a process got far along without input or agreement from the board and might risk being rejected. Thatcher, Alexa and Becky all raised issues. On the other hand, if the Selectboard did not agree with the recommendations, another process could be that this Green Marblehead Committee would make the recommendations and it would stand alone, not with the support of the Selectboard. That might allow the recommendations to be stronger, not diluted by objections but less likely to be implemented.

Discussion of steps to implementation:

Lisa suggested that the Light Board would read through and find the recommendations that applied to them and prioritize and undertake some but may be not all.

This raised the question of would each department be allowed to ignore some recommendations and pick those they chose to adopt, and would this really be seen as a comprehensive strong set of recommendations or just suggestions.

Brooks pointed out some things that are missing, such as: intro letter from Town Administrator, Selectboard, methodology of inventory, and Spread Sheet or Action Summary Table which would summarize key impactful actions, effect on GHG emissions, who will implement, and equity effect

To be added Community engagement section and add their feedback when take out to the community

Add photos, all are asked to submit: Louise will submit from Sustainable Marblehead's Instagram page

Our task:

Read through/Make additional editorial comments on this draft

Implementation vs roadmap need input

How often to revisit inventory

Keep GMC going

Hire sustainability Manager

Make sure that implementation attributed to different departments, etc is correct

Discussion about a subcommittee to research and build recommendations for Sustainability Manager

Thatcher said he would take the document to the town department heads and as them how to incorporate tasks and recommendations in their day to day ops, see if there Is push back ask for feed back

Kurt suggested putting in the recommendations that a Sustainability Manager would fundraise and that SM is very interested in helping and willing to support the hiring of such a person

John Livermore suggested that Brooks could look thru his draft and specify where the implementation would be best done by a Sustainability manager.

Plan: next meeting Oct 6, 3-5 PM

Feed back for revisions due to Brooks by Friday Sept 23

Next meeting agenda: will include the following topics among others

Review of revised draft

staff to do which tasks vs Sustainability Manager

Implementation

Conflicts in review if Brooks gets different feedback from different people