

Plymouth Environmental Advisory Board

January 19, 2021

Start time 7pm via Zoom

Attendance: Bill, Debbie, Andrew, Carolyn, Mike C

Staff in Attendance: Rick C & Karen B

Absent: Agam

Guest in Attendance: Richard Cole and Matt Peterson

1.) Pledge of Allegiance

2.) December 2020 Minutes – Motion to accept: Andrew; 2nd: Bill

3) Reorganization of EAB: Nomination for Bill as Chair, Andrew as Vice-Chair, Debbie as Secretary. Motion to approve by Mike C, 2nd by Carolyn.

4) Tree Planting for Spring 2021 – Rick will receive an order form within the next week. Rick would be picking up trees April 21-25. The EAB members would be invited to work with the Shade Tree Committee in planting trees soon after these dates.

5) Ready for 100 Plymouth –

a) **Villanova Spring 2020 Project** Summary Presentation – heat and transportation assessment. Matt Peterson gave another recap of the presentation prepared for Council that highlighted the township's vehicle fuel usage and gave recommendation for electrification of the fleet in coming years. Additionally, the project performed a virtual walk-around energy audit of the GPCC and identified some suggestions for energy savings. There is further work to be done with an In-person Energy Audit, insulation inspection, and maintain the Energy Star Portfolio Manager.

b) **Clean Energy Transition Planning program** - Andy, Bill, Matt & Elizabeth (both from the Villanova student project) & Kathy Bandish from Council participating in Clean Energy Planning program that started last July. After a few weeks break, the group started meeting every 2 weeks once again. They will present the program's status at Council's Workshop on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6pm. During our meeting, Bill showed Ranking worksheets that list various Action Steps with color-coded ranking for the areas of Procurement, Vehicles, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy. Group discussed a subcommittee and some other options for getting review and eventual Township approval of Energy Transition Plan for transition of municipal energy.

c) **PECO MyAccount** training – Training hasn't yet been set up between Rick and Energy consultant.

d) **SolSmart certification**. Refer to this website: <https://solsmart.org/>. This organization gives a township a standard solar permitting protocol.

6) Spring Newsletter – The township will not be publishing a newsletter this Spring. We'll have to create articles to post on website and Facebook.

7) **Announcements from Rick** – Focus has been on the municipal building renovation. The geothermal test well drilling was done last week.

8) **Audience participation** – Richard Cole was observing our meeting as he is a new member of an EAC in a township where he lives.

Next Meeting: Tues, February 16th at 7pm - via Zoom

Meeting ended 8:50 pm. Motion to close: Debbie; 2nd by Andy