

TOWN OF HEATH
PLANNING BOARD MEETING

April 18, 2017

Community Hall

Present: Calvin Carr, Bill Gran, Bob Viarengo,

Also Present: Green Community Committee (Peter and Heather Row, Steve Ryack)

Absent:, Doug Mason, Jo Travis

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 and closed at 8:05

Old Business

Proposed bylaw changes to be presented at Town Meeting were reviewed and approved.

New Business

The GCC reviewed the five requirements for Heath to become a Green Community, one of which requires changes in our bylaws for new construction designed to minimize life-cycle energy costs.

Discussion followed;

Next steps

- 1. Find out from Jim Barry of MA DOER if we can get an official document in writing that the Town of Heath can opt out of the Green Communities Program in the future without cause. The Town's legal counsel might also have an opinion on the matter.**
- 2. Confirm the number of Heath-owned vehicles which would be subject to the Green Communities Program Criterion IV Vehicle Replacement Program.**
- 3. Invite local contractors to meet with Jim Barry of DOER to obtain input of local contractors on the issues of how much additional cost it would be to meet the stretch code & other feedback, such as impact on new housing construction in Heath. Prior to said meeting, obtain a copy of the stretch code and make it available to Russell Donelson, Jim Cerrone and any other contractors we would like to invite to meet with Jim Barry. Heather will ask Brian DeVries who else to talk to.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. Viarengo, Secretary, Pro Tem

