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**From:** Lauren Rosenzweig  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008 5:36 PM  
**To:** Andrew Magee; Steve Ledoux  
**Cc:** Debra Simes; Bernie Kosicki; Jim Snyder-Grant; Terra Friedrichs; Board of Selectmen  
**Subject:** RE: the future

I recommend that this be on the agenda for May 19th.

Lauren

-----Original Message-----

From: Magee, Andy [mailto:amagee@Epsilonassociates.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2008 12:51 PM  
To: Lauren Rosenzweig; Steve Ledoux  
Cc: dsimes@wordslinger.net; kosicki@verizon.net; jimsg@newview.org; Terra Friedrichs; bos@acton-ma.gov  
Subject: RE: the future

Steve and Lauren:

Can we have this as an agenda item?

Thanks.

-Andy

-----Original Message-----

From: Terra Friedrichs [mailto:terra@citizenactionteam.org]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2008 12:37 PM  
To: bos@acton-ma.gov  
Cc: dsimes@wordslinger.net; kosicki@verizon.net; jimsg@newview.org  
Subject: Re: the future

Dearest Selectpartners...

Over the past few days, I've been contacted by members of the OLEC (Bern Kosicki and friends), ACAT (Jim Snyder-Grant and friends), the Design Review Board (Ann Sussman...Chair of the DRB and Green Building Enthusiast), and now Debra who was the founder and chair of the League of Woman Voter's Environmental Team ("E-Team"). They all seem very interested in coming together to talk about what a Green Team or "Sustainable Acton" energy policy advisory team might look like for Acton

I think Debra's points are fantastic. (See attached) I'm not sure what we, as a Town, can do immediately versus long term. But I think we should look into everything that she lists. I personally, do not have the time to do all of the work to analyze all of the possibilities. But there's an organic (pun intended!) "coming together" of the volunteers in town that is emerging.

I encourage the Board to support the "coming together" of people interested in this topic in the hopes of their creating a proposal for an advisory committee to the Board of Selectman regarding what a Green Team or "Sustainable Acton" energy policy advisory team might look like for Acton. I think we should leverage the energy of these folks and get them started while they are excited about this...

Can we "formally" ask them to come to the Board with a proposal for a new advisory committee? Ask them to prepare a mission statement and a few goals for the year? If we ask them to come with a proposal, I feel that will give them the impetus to get together and start planning.

Either way, I encourage the Board to support their activities. Acton is trying hard to find ways to save money, and if we can partner our goals to save money with the general

goal of becoming more "environmentally responsible", that would be great. But to do it, takes a lot of thinking. And I think we have the makings of a team that could do that thinking for us.

The OLEC team includes brilliant technical minds who can guide the town on energy issues, including how to do energy audit analysis while being "low impact" on staff resources. With the folks from the other committees and advisory groups and their experience with planning and implementation initiatives, I think this could be a very effective team to prepare a phased and cost effective plan for Acton... to both save on costs, as well as become a more "environmentally responsible and sustainable" community...as we all hope to become healthier global citizens...

Sincerely,

Your Selectservant...

Terra

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Quoting Debra Simes <dsimes@wordslinger.net>:

> 30 April 2008

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> Dear Selectpeople (still can't get past that "Selectmen" thing):

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> Thank you for your work of this past year. I wish more people  
> recognized the kind of time and effort your job requires; I appreciate  
> the fact that you give up other things in your lives in order to offer  
> your service to the Town - which is, course, all of us.

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> It was great to see the request, in the Beacon, for folks' thoughts  
> and ideas for the BoS for the coming year(s). The response rate may  
> not be overwhelming, but it's important to keep asking in more and  
> different ways, so thank you for doing that. I've attached my two  
cents:

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> Ironically, I just discovered that Bentley College has a Business  
> Sustainability grad course that is looking for clients (businesses or  
> municipalities) with whom groups of 5-6 grad students would work to  
> develop (and then implement) sustainability plans. How wonderful if  
> Acton were in the position, a year from now, to take advantage of such  
> a resource!

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> Thank you for at least reading through what I've written.

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> Best,

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