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*West Acton to South Acton Trolley 1909 to 1923.*

**GREEN ADVISORY BOARD**

The Board of Selectmen created the Green Advisory Board (GAB) in early 2009 to respond to the growing need to understand and engage in actively reducing energy use and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions levels in Acton. Acton wants to be in a position to respond to increased regulation and rewards presented at both the federal and state government levels.

A number of significant milestones and accomplishments were achieved in 2010 with the hard work of Mr. Murray, Mr. Head, Mr. Charter, and the members of the GAB as summarized below:

- Completion of an energy "benchmark" for all municipal and school buildings through the entry of energy use data into the Environmental Protection Agency's Portfolio Manager software. This will allow the Town to accurately monitor energy consumption going forward, and to evaluate the benefits of energy efficiency investments within school and municipal buildings.
- Approval of the Stretch Energy Code warrant article at Town Meeting in April, 2010, that will result in a higher level of energy efficiency in Acton's building stock during new construction and major additions.
- Adoption of a municipal policy to purchase fuel-efficient vehicles for municipal & school use where practicable.
- Adoption of as-of-right siting and expedited permitting for alternative energy facilities
- Designation as "Green Community" by Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources in May 2010, one of the first municipalities in Massachusetts to be so recognized. This designation was the result of the successful accomplishments described above.
- Grant award of \$150,794 from Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources as a result of "Green Community" designation. This grant money has been allocated to energy efficiency improvements at Acton Memorial Library, Town Hall and within the Acton schools.
- Completed installation of four large solar arrays totaling 375 kW of capacity at Acton Boxborough Regional High School, R.J.Grey Junior High School, Douglas Elementary School and the Highway Building at the Transfer Station.. These arrays were installed with no capital investment by the town, and are now providing low cost electricity for municipal and school needs.

In the coming year the Board will continue to focus on monitoring and reducing municipal energy use and GHG emissions.

The following people served on the committee in 2010: Chris Schaffner and Kate Crosby (co-chairs), Eric Hudson, Tom Michelman, Dennis Loria, Mary Smith and associate members Terry Lindgren. Kate Crosby resigned from the Board and Dennis Loria has assumed the role of co-chair. Paulina Knibbe was the initial liaison to the Board of Selectmen and has since been succeeded by Janet Adachi. Assistant Town Manager John Murray has served as staff liaison. The committee has worked closely with Dean Charter, Director of Municipal Properties, and JD Head, Coordinator of Facilities and Transportation for the Acton Public Schools and Acton Boxborough Regional School District.