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Hi Katie: The Green Advisory Board voted to revise their charge to cover the range of environmental issues as opposed to just energy savings. Their proposed new charge is below.

I encouraged them to do this as I think it would be good to have an official Town advisory board weighing in on these issues. The members have a lot of expertise which could be helpful. For instance, should the Town accept the statute allowing for an energy aggregation contract, the GAB's members have the expertise to advise about writing an RFP and selecting the most qualified vendor. Their advice on issues such as pay as you throw would be helpful.

Although their new charge covers the same issues as Green Acton, I feel the Town could use all the help and advice we can get to protect our environment and it is useful to have a Town advisory board to assist us.

I request that the following new charge be placed on the consent agenda for the Selectmen's 2/22 meeting.

"The Green Advisory Board serves as an advisory committee reporting to the Board of Selectmen and the regional School Committee. The Green Advisory Board consists of five members and two associate members. Each member serves a three-year term and terms are staggered.

The GAB advises the town and schools on issues relating to environmental sustainability. It also may assist town departments and other volunteer committees when invited, as Acton conserves resources, reduces waste, improves energy efficiency, and plans more sustainable land use. The GAB supports the town's and schools' participation in the Green Communities grant program, and helps prioritize energy reduction and renewable energy projects within the town and schools."

Thank you

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