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October 19, 2009 Meeting

Brookline Town Hall, 333 Washington Street

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David Lowe convened the meeting, and all of those present introduced themselves.

1. CCAB Website - David Lowe reminded the group of our new website, and thanked, in particular, Susan Martin and Mary Dewart for all of the work they did to organize this very important project. He also thanked Werner Lohe for having initiated the idea of a website two years ago, and having created our first, very simple website. Mary Dewart then introduced Kathe Gregory, the website designer who is most responsible for our new, very sophisticated site. A number of people in the group expressed their appreciation for the changes, and the entire group thanked Mary, Susan, and Kathy.

2. Mailing List - David Lowe announced that our email list is now being handled by a much more sophisticated software system—Constant Contract. It has many valuable features—for instance, it reported that our most recent emailing to 400 people was opened by about 100 of them.

3. Election of Officers - Werner Lohe conducted the annual election of officers. First, he and others in the group thanked David Lowe and David Pantalone for all their work as co-chairs. He then explained the bylaw requirements: that we elect officers at an annual meeting each October. All officer terms are two years, though co-chairs are limited to one term (although they are eligible to be elected again after a year out of office). At our September 2009 meeting, a nominating committee was formed: David Lowe, David Pantalone, Don Weitzman, and Werner Lohe. The nominating committee reported its nominations to the secretary. Werner reported each nomination individually, and asked for nominations from the floor and discussion. (There were no nominations from the floor.)

By consensus, Susan Martin was elected co-chair for a two-year term.

By consensus, Paul Harris was elected co-chair to complete the second year of a two-year term.

Don Weitzman will complete his term, ending in October 2010.

Because we are in the process of restructuring the function of Membership Director, no one was nominated or elected to fill that position.

David Lowe conducted the election for secretary, and, by consensus, Werner Lohe was re-elected secretary for a two-year term.

4. MCAN Annual Conference - Kate Risse announced the November 15 MCAN Annual Conference, and that we will receive a discount if 10 or more people attend. She circulated a sign-up sheet so that we can be sure to have the requisite number.

5. 350.org - Marcia Hnatowich reminded us that this Saturday, October 24 is International Climate Action Day, organized by 350.org. There will be canvassing and other activities organized by CCAB at the United Parish Church on Harvard Street in Coolidge Corner. The church will ring its bells 350 times at 3:30 p.m. For exact details concerning activities and schedule, go to www.350.org and click on "Search for Actions Near Me" or www.climatechangeactionbrookline.org and click on "Events/Calendar."

6. Weatherization Barn Raising - Jim Lockwood announced that starting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday October 24, there will be a weatherization barn raising (insulation, air sealing, and more) at the Brookline Community Foundation, 40 Webster Place.

7. Green Expo - Suzette Abbott described a very successful Green Expo sponsored by the Brookline Chamber of Commerce on Sunday, October 18, and thanked Mary Dewart for her part in organizing it.

8. Presentation: "Energy Myths and Facts" - David Lowe introduced Michael Blasnik, an independent consultant with twenty years of experience in work across the United States in energy efficiency program design, evaluation, and building science research. Drawing on his wealth of data analysis, he identified smart energy-saving and carbon cutting investments and discussed how to prioritize among them. He answered many questions from the audience, and slides of his presentation will be available on the CCAB website.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next CCAB monthly meeting will be on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall, Room 103, 333 Washington Street, Brookline.