

## Minutes

### Clean Energy Task Force

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Town Hall Conference Room A, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cathy Alfandre, Heidi Armster, Carroll Brooke, Katie Callahan

Cathy convened the meeting at 7:38

Minutes from January briefly discussed. Motion to approve, Heidi. Second: Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **HKMS audit/next steps**

Cathy reported to the group on email communication between the TF and Sullivan, Parker, Dunsby and Labore, following up on the HKMS energy audit. In hopes of lending support for acting on some of the recommendations, this email from Cathy and Carroll provided detailed information on potential financial returns from proposed projects.

From the BoE's perspective, the idea will remain on hold while the Board of Education's Long-term Planning Committee figures out what to do with the two schools and Easton's declining student population. Any work on Keller, even if it pays for itself in a short time, will have to wait until this is sorted out.

The TF will continue to stay in touch with the Board of Ed concerning this issue.

#### **Upcoming Green Spotlights**

There was a Spotlight in this week's issue on the solar array; Regina posed questions to Carroll about details of the array and provided a great deal of information.

Regina will also write the next Spotlight, detailing the Home Energy Solutions Income Eligible Program.

Cathy will reach out to Val Buckley to see if she can host an info session at the Senior Center about the audit program; if so, timing could coincide with the spotlight article to increase awareness.

**Solar array interpretive signage**

Katie saw a grant for Fairfield County that might be able to cover the costs of the sign. She is looking into this to see if Easton's array would fit the requirements for the grant.

The TF discussed what type of sign would be good for this situation. Outdoor, museum, panorama-like sign would be ideal; more on this next month.

**Home Energy Solutions: Income eligible program**

(see above discussion)

Cathy explained that the HES-IE is a program to benefit CT residents based on income; some Easton residents may qualify for free audits and no-cost improvements such as light bulbs and weather stripping; incentives for larger improvements are also available, as are no-cost improvements based on eligibility.

**Earth Day ideas**

Discussed the possibility of hosting e-recycling in town, who to involve (Ed Nagy), finding a contact/company. Katie will reach out and report back to the TF.

Other ideas might be explored at the next meeting before we finalize.

**Solarize discussion**

Discussion about the work the TF might do to promote the Solarize program; conclusion was that this is not a priority right now.

Heidi motioned we add a phase 2 discussion on the SSES solar array to the agenda. Katie seconded.

**Phase 2 discussion on SSES solar array**

Carroll reported the results of the recent RECs auctions, which have not had enough interest recently in the small auction category. It still makes sense to continue to try (the larger the pool the better the chances of making an auction successful). The next RECs auction is late February; discussed whether that would be an option at this point and decided that Carroll will talk to Adam Dunsby about moving forward.

Katie motioned the Task Force move forward with the next phase of a small ZREC auction bid, pending Selectmen's approval. Heidi seconded. Motioned unanimously.

The group also briefly discussed the possibility of a solar array for the library roof and/or the parking lot behind the building.

Motion to adjourn: Heidi. Carroll seconded.

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 8:58.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Armster  
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