

## Minutes

### Clean Energy Task Force

Regular Meeting, Wednesday March 18, 2015

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

Present: Cathy Alfandre, Katie Callahan, Regina McNamara, Heidi Armster (7:50)

Ed Nagy attended the meeting for updates on EV and Solar

Cathy convened the meeting at 7:35

Minutes were briefly discussed; no motion made. Will re-visit next month.

#### **Solar Update**

Cathy updated the group on the solar project:

- The primary update was that Adam Dunsby is waiting to sign the contracts until after it is confirmed that there will be no impact on the town's generation agreement with Constellation Energy.
- Cathy also reported that she sent a summary update to Board of Ed and school administrators, with positive replies.

#### **Keller Study Update**

Cathy spoke with Carol Labore to find out how to begin the process. She suggested we send along the results of the walk through to potential vendors, see what they would propose and hopefully get some cost estimates as a result.

She also suggested that the town explore performance contracting as a means of attracting vendors to the project. This process would begin with a meeting with/presentation to town officials.

Discussion to be continued as the TF explores the possibilities.

#### **EV Charging Station Grants Program**

The TF discussed the proposed program with Ed Nagy, concentrating on potential locations for the charging station and whether to have a stand-long meter or to add to an existing meter. A separate stand-alone meter

would cost \$20/month; otherwise, it could be added to either the Town Hall or the Library meter.

- The best location appears to be the northeast corner of the library parking lot; not on the center island but in the corner. Both traffic and visibility are high, and there is an existing conduit already under the road that could be used.
- Other locations suggested were EVS and Senior Center, but library seemed to meet criteria better.
- One question brought up was the average cost/hour for usage, in addition to the costs associated with a separate meter; Katie referenced an email she had received about the cost, estimated at a very low "3 cents/day"; again, the TF questioned whose bill this would be on (Town Hall seemed the most likely choice)

In discussing the grants and needs around town the TF also used the opportunity to ask Ed what projects would improve energy efficiency. Top choices were all outdoor lighting fixtures in 3 locations:

1. Library
2. Keller
3. 660 Morehouse

Ed suggested that these projects would go a long way towards reducing energy usage in town. The TF will look into this.

### **Earth Day planning**

Regina handed out the energy saving ideas that she had culled from the EU website. It was agreed that we would focus on 5 ideas.

Discussed the next steps, how to implement the challenge, when to post in the Courier, what to post in the Courier, graphics to use (if any), and the list of 5 challenges to request.

A suggestion was made to place fliers around town: library, ECC, Town Hall, distribution through the PTA/PTSA (CC, CC, SCOOP, Focus).

To-dos:

- Cathy will reach out to the Courier again, prepare a blast
- Heidi will reach out to the PTAs and Barlow
- Regina will request at the Library and around town for fliers; set up an email account; handle the pledges as they come in to the email
- Katie will request to post information in the schools

Katie moved to adjourn; Carroll seconded.

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Armster, Secretary  
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