

Minutes

Clean Energy Task Force

Regular Meeting, Wednesday January 15, 2014

Town Hall Conference Room A, 6:30 p.m.

Present: Cathy Alfandre, Heidi Armster, Carroll Brooke

Cathy convened the meeting at 6:40.

Carroll motioned to approve the minutes as amended in Heidi's computer; Heidi seconded. All approved.

Solarize – plans for Saturday/Next steps

Discussed the details of Saturday, arrive early, what Sunlight will be doing/preparing. They have some new slides to address some of the new questions they have been hearing having to do with financials. The Task Force will provide refreshments for the event.

- Discussed reaching out via email blasts to friends as well as the Clean Energy group;
- Cathy submitted a notice to the Courier;
- Reach out to other town groups as appropriate

Also discussed reaching out to Sunlight's list of possible clients still "on the fence," and best ways to do so. Settled on using email that includes our contact information for anyone who has questions, reminding them of the event.

Cathy will get emails from Sunlight; Heidi will reach out to Garden Club and bring refreshments; Carroll will email the ambassadors and bring the banner.

Another idea is to have "office hours" in town somewhere one day where people can come in to inquire about Solarize. The group decided to consider this option and will look into it.

Discussed putting out signs one week from the deadline. And will check with CEFIA to see if the deadline can get an extension.

Next steps for exploring additional municipal solar

The group discussed how to get our RECs into an auction, and how to position our application so that our RECs are chosen to be auctioned off. Carroll informed the group that the next auction opens up for applications in April; that will be our target date for submission.

The process is fairly simple, but we will still need some advice as to how to price and position our RECs in order to have a well-positioned application.

Briefly discussed how we would go about bidding the project should our RECs get auctioned off.

Once we have the opportunity to bid any project, we would need to find a reputable installer. Possible vetting for that might come from the State. Cathy noted we will require step-by-step advice throughout any such process. This will necessitate some research on other such projects.

Next steps on promoting municipal efficiency

The Task Force will move forward looking into efficiency projects at Helen Keller.

Need to confirm some details/expectations with Fred Schiavi on the following:

- Double checking that the efficiency study analysis will in fact cost \$10,000; \$5000 to come from the town, the remaining half of total cost to come from UI;
- Double check that the match from the UI Efficiency Fund is available (assumption has been that it would be about 50%);
- Check again with him who he recommends for the study -- if it's Control Air or if there are other firms to choose from;
- Finally, what can we expect in terms of the accuracy of savings?

Heidi motioned we adjourn; Carroll seconded.

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi Armster, Clean Energy Task Force, Secretary
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