

Minutes

Easton Energy & Environment Task Force
Regular meeting, Wednesday, December 20, 2023
Town Hall, conference room A, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cathy Alfandre, Katie Callahan, Lise Fleurette, Bobbi Morganti
Absent: Jeff Borofsky, Heidi Armster
Special Guests: Tony Scott and Ann Hughes, CT State Reps

Cathy convened the meeting at 7:30.

Minutes from November

Motion to approve by Lise, seconded by Bobby. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion with State Reps: Cathy summarized the PACE (People's Action for Clean Energy) materials and proposals for the reps, highlighting opportunities the state has to expand solar in the state. Pamphlets were shared and different topics and questions were discussed. Although the reps are not members of the Energy or Environment committees, they both expressed support for additional solar and interest in new legislative proposals in the next session.

Solar update

Report for Phase II: 93%, Phase I: unavailable at the time of the meeting.

Bobby updated spreadsheet and sent to Sara Scrofani from ER9 reflecting approx \$27K savings in '22-'23.

Easton's decision to upgrade existing EMS building was discussed. It was agreed that Cathy would draft a note to send out to the Building Committee requesting that they consider solar in the building renovation, in addition to other green building and energy efficiency measures. The Task Force can coordinate CT Green Bank assistance.

EV update/next steps

Additional project costs from other municipalities are requested prior to presentation to Board of Finance. Cathy, Lise and Katie will research other projects and coordinate presentation, first to Board of Selectmen and then to Board of Finance (likely on Feb 6).

It appears that projects might come in around \$50K (Banton/Lise and Ffld projects). Our original quote was \$33K.

Katie to follow up with Danny Shanahan on how to measure demand for existing dual head chargers.

Virtual Net Metering: Bobby met with Smart Roofs, a company that manages large virtual net metering projects. It was generally felt this was not a great opportunity for Easton due to limited available locations. Bobby will also discuss with another vendor.

Town of Easton Public Service Guidelines: Cathy reminded TF members to review these helpful guidelines once again.

2024 Calendar: Lise motioned to accept the 2024 meeting calendar, Bobby 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.

Other: Effective 1/1/24 bottle deposits will increase to \$.10. It was agreed a short article or announcement in the Courier would be drafted.

Motion to adjourn: Lise; second: Bobby
Cathy adjourned the meeting at 8:42.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Alfandre, EEETF (Chair)
(drafted by Katie Callahan)
12/28/23

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cathy Alfandre".