

Minutes

Easton Energy & Environment Task Force

Wednesday June 19, 2019 Town Hall, Conference Room A, 7:30PM

Present: Cathy Alfandre, Katie Callahan, Bobby Morganti, Zachary Shortt (Barlow liaison), & Emily Winter

Guests: Lise Fleurette, Jean Puchalski, & Joan Winter

Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:37PM

Minutes

May minutes reviewed. Bobby motioned to approve the minutes; Emily seconded the motion. All approved.

Solar Update and Data Discussion (Cathy & Bobby)

- Progress is being made as school is out
- Expected: will be completed in July, activation is in August
- Bobby reviewed the meter analysis update, discussed issues with dissecting system data in order to determine savings and efficiency production for HKMS and SSES; Cathy & Bobby will work on next steps to resolve open questions

Discussion of the Pollinator Pathway Project (Jean Puchalski)

- Guest Speaker Jean Puchalski came to speak to the group (founder, Easton chapter of the Pollinator Pathway Project)
- Jean spoke about the Pollinator Pathway Project history and mission
- Presently over 40 towns are part of the initiative
- There are a collection of town municipal departments, committees, and non-profits who are partners with the Easton chapter
- Website portal launched with resources (www.pollinator-pathway.org/easton); committee to be formed by fall
- Free workshop to be held in the fall, with following hands on workshops to be offered to the community
- Jean spoke about what it means to become a partner in the pollinator pathway
- Team discussed potential pollinator friendly plantings for under the solar array at SSES; Jean will inquire with colleagues in other towns for planting recommendations for solar farms
- Team posed questions; Jean answered
- Katie made a motion be a partner; Bobby seconded. All approved. Zachary offered to create logo for the Task Force to be used on Pollinator Pathway website
- Team discussed specific ideas for providing support as community partner

Recycling Discussion (Katie, Bobby, & Joan)

- Katie spoke with Oakridge representative (Jodi)
 - She shared updates from the representative
 - Task Force will assemble questions to send to Jodi for next meeting
- Bobby relayed discussion with Easton First Selectman, Adam Dunsby
 - Multi-town agreement, signed in February, was shared with the Task Force
 - Easton presently pays 65 dollars per ton to dispose of recycling
- Joan shared conversations with two independent glass recyclers

- Both would be interested in partnering with the town, but more information needed
- Team discussed need for rough cost savings analysis

Quick Updates

- Aquarion Award: Task Force's nomination was not named the winner
- CT Legislative Session updates:
 - Plastic bag charge (Aug 2019) and future ban (2021)
 - Off shore wind installation
 - Fracking waste ban
 - Electric vehicles in the state fleet
 - CT Energy Efficiency Fund not yet restored
- HKMS Efficiency
 - Cathy reconnected with Jeff Parker about the 2015 audit
 - Team has to measure and prove that the updates would save money
 - Task Force will work toward including work in the next budget cycle in conjunction with UI
- Katie took down solar banner at SSES

Community Awareness Issues

- Emily shared potential for mattress recycling program; will follow up with contact for more information; will share more information at the next meeting
- Hazardous Waste day on June 29th at 307 Indian Ledge Park Drive, Trumbull; Cathy to send info to email distribution list

Task Force Membership

- Membership can be up to 6 members, team has one opening and will have another by the end of the summer (Emily resigning to return to school)
 - Lise expressed interest in joining

Summer Meetings

- July meeting is planned for July 17th, Cathy suggested meeting be changed to July 24th; Task Force members agreed date be changed
- August meeting to be discussed at future time

Adjourn

Bobby motioned to adjourn; Katie seconded. All approved.

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 9:02PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Emily Winter, Member, EEETF

Thursday, June 20, 2019