

Minutes

Easton Energy & Environment Task Force

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, January 16, 2019

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

Present: Cathy Alfandre, Heidi Armster, Katie Callahan, Robert Morganti, Emily Winter

Absent: Regina McNamara

December minutes briefly discussed. Katie motioned to approve; Emily seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Board of Selectmen meeting update

Cathy reviewed the BoS meeting for the TF:

- Selectmen briefly discussed the new Mission Statement as presented and added a couple edits
- TF was given the green light for the changes
- Cathy followed up with the Town Clerk to edit the Easton Energy and Environment TF page on the town's website

Solar project update

- Panels are in place, currently behind schedule
- Anticipated completion date unclear

Solar data monitoring and reporting

- Cathy and Bobby logged into the solar monitoring system to look at the data and generating reports; generation appears to be lower than anticipated for some months
- TF together looked at the Solar NOC home site and discussed tools for generating reports
- Cathy will reach out to Locus for a better picture on generating reports
- Discussed reaching out to Encon to find out if there are any potential issues with the panels that could explain a drop in generation

Lighting project update

Cathy reported this project is done, grant money approved

Sustainable Fairfield County update

Emily attended and reported to the TF:

- Certification as a 'Sustainable CT Town' is achieved through tasks, awarded on a points system
- 32 CT towns to date have been certified

- Current certification levels are silver and bronze only
- Student interns called 'Fellows' are available to work for interested towns, helping them achieve goals and complete tasks
- Grants also available
- Funding currently from 3 foundations; there are ongoing efforts to find more funding from corporate sponsors
- Emily will continue contact with Sustainable CT for more info and will talk to similarly sized town that is already participating

Recycling event update

No members of the TF attended the recent meeting. Joan Winter, who had attended a prior TF meeting, is part of the effort and might be able to update the team

Discussion of upcoming events & projects

- Solar array is the only project currently ongoing
- Discussed an annual vs biannual e-recycling event, possibly adding another type of collection to increase turnout
- Katie and Cathy will contact local groups to discuss coordinated efforts for a recycling effort to coincide with e-recycling day

Heidi motioned to adjourn; Bobby seconded.

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Armster, EEETF Secretary
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