



Minutes

Easton Energy & Environment Task Force

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 15, 2019

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

Present: Cathy Alfandre, Heidi Armster, Katie Callahan, Bobby Morganti, Emily Winter (arrived late), Zachary Shortt (JBHS liaison)

Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:40

Minutes from April

Briefly discussed; Bobby made a motion to approve; Katie seconded. Approved unanimously.

Solar project, update and data (Cathy)

-completion now expected in July; reason for the change as reported to Cathy: "transformer manufacturer delay"

-Re: data: After further inquiry, Cathy was put in contact with another member of their team, Louise, who was able to identify 2 current system issues involved in accurate tracking of energy production:

1. The "Locus system communication"
2. Undersized fuses

-Discussed data necessary to track for presentations showing cost savings to the town

-Cathy re-logged into Portfolio Manager and found sufficient information to create a spreadsheet for this purpose

-Bobby will set up a working spreadsheet going forward

E-recycling event debrief (Katie)

-Katie reported that donations from the event filled the truck, which was good news after having just hosted the event last year (normally the TF hosts e-recycling every other year)

-over 100 cars passed through to drop off items

-EMS reported a sizable collection and suggested we join forces again next year

-Easton Police reported a successful effort with drug take-back

-Decided to begin planning earlier for next year and see if this will work on an annual basis

Energy efficiency: next steps (Cathy)

Cathy reviewed the original audit for HKMS:

-lighting was done

-BMS controls are yet to be addressed

- BMS upgrade would cost money up front, but the 2015 audit shows a payback of about 2 years, which is a positive
- topic to be re-visited at our June meeting

Aquarion award (Emily)

Cathy reported that Emily had submitted the application

Composting update (Joan)

- Joan had discussed the composting tub with Dr. Nuzzo at Barlow
- Despite initial interest, Dr. Nuzzo had to decline the offer due to not enough resources at the school for such an undertaking

Recycling (Emily)

- Emily reported that glass-only recycling options required higher cost, with only two contractors willing and able to haul the town's glass
- Discussed which direction the TF should take to implement and manage a best practices plan for recycling

Sustainable Fairfield County: update (Emily)

- Emily reported that the meeting discussed energy issues that weren't pertinent to Easton

Emily motioned we adjourn; Heidi seconded.

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 9:15

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Armster, Secretary, EEETF
Monday, June 17, 2019