

Minutes

Easton Energy & Environment Task Force

Regular meeting, Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Remote meeting via Zoom, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cathy Alfandre, Heidi Armster, Lise Fleurette, Bobby Morganti  
Absent: Katie Callahan, Deidre Williams

Also in attendance: Dana Ceva, Joan Winter, Abbie Winter

Cathy convened the meeting at 7:37.

1. Minutes from July: Motion to approve: Lise; Second: Heidi. All in favor.
2. Updates
  - a. Solar performance: UI approved the inverter project, system has been live as of late July; power was out for about a week due to the storm; hopefully September will normalize
  - b. Solar data spreadsheet: still working towards deciphering the numbers to create an accurate performance rubric.
  - c. Other:
    - i. *HKMS* - the vendor submitted a proposal to Scott Reiss; prep for the start of school has taken precedence; TF to discuss with Ed Nagy
    - ii. *Electric School Bus*: initiative gaining momentum, Abbie reported key members are very interested
    - iii. *Sustainable CT*: Lise reported the town will get credit for several items on the tasks list for SC; also, the Task Force page at EastonCT.gov has been updated with information and link to details about the C-PACE program for financing energy improvements for CT businesses; next step: reach out to local farms and churches about C-PACE
    - iv. *Courier*: Cathy working on an article about recycling
3. Grassroots Grow Grant and initiative: to be discussed next month
4. Electronics recycling event: October 17th is confirmed for Take 2; EMS will participate with the bottle/can drive; Police Department might also take part with the Drug Takeback

Briefly discussed reaching out to the Senior Center to offer to coordinate help with clearing out electronics to recycle, and bottles/cans for EMS drive. TF might request sign-ups through the Senior Center, for curbside pick-up - a type of "reverse curbside" program for seniors to clean out closets and have it outside for contact-less retrieval

Dana asked about interest in brainstorming ways to correct common mistakes with regard to recycling content in the rolling bins; would it be possible to conduct some sort of audit program as an educational tool to reduce contamination in recycling; discussion to continue on this

Heidi motioned to adjourn the meeting; Lise seconded.

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 8:28.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Armster, Secretary  
Monday, September 14, 2020