

Minutes

Easton Energy & Environment Task Force

Regular meeting, Wednesday May 18, 7:30 p.m.

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Present: Cathy Alfandre, Heidi Armster, Jeff Borofsky, Katie Callahan

Absent: Lise Fleurette, Robert Morganti

Also present: Joan Winter, Grace Foley, Diane Geisert, Emily Marshall

Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:32

Minutes

Heidi motioned to approve the minutes from April; Katie seconded. All approved.

Solar:

Report for last month was: 113% for I, 103% for Phase II, of anticipated generation
April was a good month; due to weather, May might not be as good; the Staples array is out-performing many other CT systems according to CT Green Bank contact

Recycling Grant:

Discussed and recapped what the subcommittee is doing to move forward, which is primarily about logistics: labels (size, cost, how many), and the process for applying the labels

E-recycling: Katie will circle back to Chief Doyle on the Drug Take-back date so we can coordinate both events at SSES

Jeff (on discussion with RWS): a town committee would need to officially request a discussion between RWS and our TF; Cathy will submit a formal request

EV car show debrief:

At the event: 9 cars, plus the Westport police vehicle; one car showed up last minute; steady stream of people with many questions and interest in learning about EV cars; owners were engaged in answering questions the whole time

Discussed possibly hosting this event again next year

EV team next steps:

1. Keep the discussion going on a police EV
2. Talk with First Selectman Dave Bindelglass about it
3. Cathy mentioned a webinar specifically designed for police use that we can share

4. Prepare information on cost savings for sharing with the town

CT environmental legislation:

Cathy shared the news of the CT Clean Air Act having passed Senate and House in recent weeks

Diane inquired if there might be money accessible to municipalities to use at the local level that would help towns reach the new environmental goals; brief discussion followed

Other:

Katie suggested having a conversation with town officials to look at bids for electric busses

Diane updated the group on the Food Rescue, which will start on June 7th; asked the TF for help spreading the word by sharing on social media; especially at the start of the program to help get it established. Cathy suggested putting the message out once again around harvest time; discussed checking with the farmers and small shops for any donations

Heidi motioned to adjourn; Jeff seconded.

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 8:39

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Armster, EEETF, Secretary
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