

Minutes

Easton Energy & Environment Task Force

Regular meeting, Wednesday, June 15, 2022

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

Present: Cathy Alfandre, Heidi Armster, Jeff Borofsky, Lise Fleurette, Robert Morganti

Absent: Katie Callahan

Also attending: Grace Foley, Diane Geisert

Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:38

**Minutes (May)**

Motion to approve the minutes: Heidi; Second: Lise. All approved.

**Solar data**

- Phase I: no data at the moment (Cathy to email the team once she has May data)  
Phase II: 103% of expectation for May
- Bobby recently updated the spreadsheet; after the June update, it will be sent to local town officials to show FY savings and data of interest.
- He noted one unusual number for March: YOY energy production had decreased 68%; for May it's back up again; after some discussion it is clear that March of 2020 and 2022 were both low production months, while March of 2021 was particularly good; this explained the anomaly of the low-high-low of the 3 years that month; Diane shared data for her home, and was able to confirm that her system's production numbers followed a very similar pattern

**Recycling grant update**

Cathy recapped what the recycling subcommittee has been doing on the label project:

- Heidi facilitated getting the labels edited to create a more readable sticker for the carts, including enlarging the size; they have been ordered and should be in sometime next week
- Cathy reported that the boy scouts will be our partners in helping apply stickers; this will take place during the month of July, as it fits their schedules better than June
- We are slightly behind in our plan, but the stickers should be on most bins over the summer and still far ahead of the deadline to report on the grant
- RWS has provided us with a map that shows which days go with which streets and neighborhoods
- RWS will also provide the actual route that the recycling truck follows so that the Scouts can have the best opportunity to catch the recycling truck carts while still out, and hopefully reach as many as possible
- Lise asked if they will enter the property: Cathy answered that no one will enter any property to apply a sticker, and that this is strictly being done at the street/curb, on pickup day, with some the evening before for carts that are out early
- Suggestions from the group: add reminders on safety for the Boy Scouts (who will be with their Scout Leaders); provide a list of specifics to help the job go smoothly

Grace submitted to The Courier an article detailing major issues of recycling; the article is intended to help gain some traction on public awareness ahead of the cart stickers being applied

Cathy added that the TF will hopefully be able to submit a follow-up article around the time the stickers are being applied, or shortly thereafter.

#### **EV next steps**

(Katie and Jeff were not available to provide updates; will resume discussion next month)

#### **CPACE info sharing**

Cathy shared information about CPACE:

- A program that offers financial incentive to non-profits, small businesses, farms, churches and other organizations for the purpose of improving energy efficiency (projects such as installing an EV station, replacing/updating older heating systems, building small solar, or anything that contributes to energy efficiency)
- Lise reported from a webinar she attended that CPACE will help with outreach within communities (i.e. help identify properties that might be eligible for the program, help with a presentations)
- TF will look for ways to connect this program to groups locally that could benefit from it

#### **Food Rescue update**

Diane shared their update:

-It has been slow to start, but this is not surprising given that the harvesting season is early; they're working to get the word out and she asked the group for thoughts

-Suggestions included: posting to social media weekly (maybe in the form of a reminder that drop off day is coming); posting photos of drop offs and/or the location; posting a video; sharing via the TF email list monthly

-Diane shared information on a collaboration with a Bridgeport pantry (Fridgeport), which is asking for donations of gently used/extra "to go" containers for their community pantry shares. Discussed that this was perfect to share on local facebook groups.

#### **Other:**

Quick discussion on vacation plans for the summer meetings; no cancellations needed

Lise motioned to adjourn; Second: Bobby.

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Armster, EEETF, Secretary  
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