

**Minutes****Easton Energy & Environment Task Force**

Regular meeting, Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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

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

Absent: Katie Callahan

Also attending: Grace Foley

Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:37

**Minutes:**

Briefly recapped last month's meeting with PACE.

Motion to approve the minutes from February: Lise; second: Jeff.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Solar data:**

Phase I: 129%; Phase II: 100%

Brief discussion:

- Bobby updated spreadsheet with missing data
- Both systems data are weather adjusted; brief discussion on how each system is calculated for its output
- Phase I performs consistently higher than initially anticipated

**EV update:**

- 2 applications submitted to UI and DEEP; if both approved, they will fully fund a new charging station and update the existing one
- UI approved their rebate
- DEEP confirmed their evaluation is complete; our application has moved up chain of approval; will revisit if/when fully approved

Briefly discussed the plan to update the current charger, adding swipe capability for pay-to-charge.

**Goals/plans for 2023/recap on PACE meeting:**

Discussed the list of ideas/goals for 2023; identified ways to break up tasks:

- Began to prioritize projects based on time to complete, opportunities for residents, and projects that are appropriate and needed for Easton
- Emphasis for the next 6 months on addressing the increasingly high cost of energy
- Use social media to disseminate information; look into creating a Solar Facebook page for Easton to use as a go-to for information, incentives, and state initiatives

**EV event/prep and to-dos:**

- April 22, also Earth Day and Drug-Take-Back program with the Easton Police Department
- Discussed finding new, and most recent, models of EVs, hoping for a different line-up to the extent that's possible

- Current participants are: Ford Mustang, Hyundai, Tesla, VW
- Lise will send out to the TF group a public list for outreach
- Heidi to call Lynn at the library to go over dates, rain date option, number of cars
- Target time for advertising: beginning of April
- Heidi: update flier; need by late March for email distribution
- Advertising: sandwich boards, with possible option to purchase and make reusable foam core boards; re-do flier to remove images of vehicles, add rain date, confirm time

**Other:**

Lise mentioned a flier from Constellation that has info about a grant opportunity.

Motion to adjourn: Lise; second: Jeff.

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Armster, Secretary, EEETF

April 3, 2023