

Minutes

Easton Energy & Environment Task Force

Regular meeting, Wednesday, May 17, 2023

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

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

Absent: Jeff Borofsky

Also attending: Grace Foley

Cathy convened the meeting at 7:35

Minutes briefly discussed. Motion to approve was made by Lise. Second: Katie. All in favor.

Solar update:

- Green Bank: Phase I is at 93%; no word as of the meeting date on Phase II;
- Cathy to forward the March Skyview data to members soon;
- Cathy spoke with Sky View about adding a sign for the solar array, will revisit next meeting;
- Bobby updated the spreadsheet; will revisit next meeting.

EV event debrief:

- Smaller turnout this year, but also new visitors; more conversation between owners comparing their experiences with their EVs
- Suggestions from TF members to improve the event:
 - Jeff: partner with another group for this event to increase visibility
 - Lise: add opportunities to learn about other TF initiatives such as recycling/solar and energy information
 - Bigger discussion on the advertising; more and earlier social media posts

EV grant update:

- Cathy inquired again about our grant application w/ DEEP; no new update, no further information on timing
- Brief discussion about police EV w/ general consensus being not to wait too long

Draft recycling info sheet:

Grace's draft of recycling information was reviewed with the following suggestions:

- Add mention about black plastic takeout containers, which cannot be recycled here
- Cathy reported about a recent addition at SSES of a textiles bin for recycling and donating (www.Baystatetextiles.com)
- Try to find and add a location to recycle sneakers (shoe store in FF?)
- Add: eyeglasses (Pearle Vision will take them)
- Add: Hazardous Waste dates/locations
- Prescription Drug take back (mention, dates, location)
- Add: garden hoses (because they are one of the contaminants in carts)

This draft will be up on the town website and can be edited as other information becomes available.

Other:

Cathy reported an update from Diane on the Food Rescue program: Diane will soon have more help with both Food Rescue and Grow A Row programs, which will allow them to generate more food and donations.

Barlow student rep position briefly discussed, Grace will continue to reach out to teachers (for recs) and students to participate.

We will move our June meeting one week earlier to the 14th to accommodate schedule issues.

Motion to adjourn: Bobby

Second: Lise

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Armster, Secretary, EEETF
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