

Minutes

Easton Energy & Environment Task Force

Regular meeting, Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Town Hall, Conference Room A, 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Jeff Borofsky, Bobby Morganti

Also attending: Grace Foley

Cathy convened the meeting at 7:38

**Minutes from May**

Brief discussion; motion to approve the minutes: Katie; Second: Lise. All approved.

**Solar update / solar signage update**

1. Phase I: underperformance was due to a mouse that chewed wires, burned out a fan and caused an outage. All fixed in July; generation was 78% of expectation in June and 77% in July
2. Phase II: 113% in June, 97% in July

Solar signage: funding needs to be sorted out

No update on spreadsheet this month; Bobby will update late August.

**EV grant update/next steps; EV discussion with Easton Police**

Grant: Cathy still waiting for project plan from the state. Meeting will be set up with First Selectman Dr. Bindelglass and Director of Public Works Ed Nagy to discuss initial plans.

Katie and Cathy met with Chief Doyle, who is interested in more information, specifically:

- Costs overall
- Would need a devoted charging station for police
- Needs more information about the annual cost of electricity

The TF will get information to Chief Doyle before budget negotiations start:

- Will ask Westport about their installation costs
- Some discussion on where to place the charger, best in the police parking area
- Lise mentioned a possible source of funding to look into

**Recycling fliers**

1. Grace emailed the recycling info document to Cathy; the final to be posted on the town website.
2. Discussed comprehensive recycling list from Joan; may be very useful to post; Lise will create an editable doc.

**Other**

Cathy reported we have a new account contact at UI; she spoke with him briefly to get him up to speed on our activities/history, and connected him with ER9 to discuss incentives and opportunities for the schools.

Discussion around UI-driven heat pump solutions program which is fully staffed; program contact will attend our next month's meeting for further discussion about the program and consultation for residents.

Motion to adjourn by Lise; Second: Heidi

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 8:21

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Armster, EEETF Secretary  
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