

Minutes

Easton Energy & Environment Task Force

Regular meeting, Wednesday, October 18, 2023

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

Cathy convened the meeting at 7:45

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

Absent: Jeff Borofsky

Minutes from September

Brief discussion followed by a motion to approve the minutes by Katie. Seconded by Lise. Motion passed unanimously.

Solar update

Report for Phase I: 98%, Phase II: 112%

Bobbi will update the sheet and send to Cathy, who will forward on to Sara Scrofani from Region 9.

Heat pumps discussion recap/next steps

Webinar will be Thursday November 9, at 7 p.m.

Cathy will prepare an announcement for email distribution and social media.

EV update/next steps

Report on meeting with Dave Bindelglass and Ed Nagy:

- The idea was received with interest; will require more details before moving forward.
- Cathy reported that they said this project would also likely need to be presented for a town meeting and vote.

Details/To-dos before grant money is disbursed:

- Lise received a copy of the SOW from DEEP, shared with the group
- Has to be completed 30 days before Nov 2024
- Schedule must be approved and signed by us and DEEP
- Detailed cost estimates have to be submitted and signed
- All documents to be submitted during the course of the project, not after.

Cathy suggested a timeline for to-dos, follow-up and circle back to Dave and Ed; Cathy, Lise and Katie will do follow-up within the next couple weeks.

Katie was going to reach out to April about the police having a dedicated charger for police use; brief discussion followed.

Lise will submit a request for the Community Champions Grant for \$500 to go toward this project.

Recycling update

Cathy reported that Joan had finished editing the list of recycling items to create one designed for our town residents. Cathy will post to the town site.

Coffee and Climate conversation

Cathy reported that the CT League of Conservation Voters has been hosting coffee style Q&A events around the state; there's one in Easton at the Library on November 26th. Discussed who might be able to attend.

Other

Cathy reported getting 2 separate inquiries about doing virtual net metering for the town; briefly discussed some of the finer points and whether anyone would be willing to talk with some of the net metering connections to find out what the process involves. Cathy will forward the contacts to Bobby.

Motion to adjourn: Heidi; second: Lise.

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 8:42.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Armster, EEETF
11/14/23