

Minutes

Easton Energy & Environment Task Force

Regular meeting, Wednesday, November 20, 2019

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

Present: Cathy Alfandre, Heidi Armster, Katie Callahan, Lise Fleurette, Bobby Morganti, Zac Shortt (JBHS Liaison)

Also attending: Dana Ceva, Abbie Winter, Joan Winter

Absent: Deidre Williams

Guest: Cela Sinay-Bernie

Cathy convened the meeting at 7:33

Presentation from and discussion with Citrine Power re Virtual Net Metering:

Presenting for Citrine Power: Cela Sinay-Bernie; introduced herself/gave the TF some background on her work

Cela explained Virtual Net Metering to the group and why Easton:

- Interested in Easton because of the farmland (one of the 3 categories in the program: municipal, state and agricultural)
- Citrine Power currently has projects mostly in Eversource territory
- Investments are 20-25 years
- Market rate=\$2500/acre/year; seeking a 10-acre site to install a 2 MW system.
- Siting Council overrides local wetlands/conservation/p+z commissions; however Citrine always seeks support from the town first

Team discussed, asked questions, suggested possible next steps and contacts.

Solar update:

- Not yet energized; postponed the event at SSES to April
- To do: educational signage to post at the solar array

HKMS efficiency update:

Cathy met with Scott Reiss, finance person for Easton/Redding/Region 9 to discuss options for revisiting the audit recommendations; there is interest in looking at BMS upgrade, esp because of short pay-back.

Recycling update: No reports this month.

Discussion of 2020 priorities:

Discussed importance of information gathering from key members of community to inform priorities.

Assignments: TF members to contact Cathy with suggestions on whom we should talk to and questions to ask.

October minutes: Motion to approve the minutes: Katie; second: Heidi. All approved.

Motion to adjourn: Bobby; second: Lise.

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 9:40

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Armster, Secretary, EEETF
Tuesday, December 17, 2019