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Minutes

Easton Energy & Environment Task Force

Special meeting, Wednesday, September 22, 2021

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

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

Absent: Bobby Morganti

Also attending: Jeff Borofsky, Emily Marshall

Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:40

Minutes from August:

Minutes briefly reviewed; motion to approve: Heidi; second: Lise. Approved unanimously.

Solar update:

1. Solar data: both phases underperformed last month, Phase I at 81%, Phase II at 84%; once again, TF was informed that this is happening across the state with other solar, and not unique to our array
2. 8/20 meeting recap: Cathy & Bobby met with Dave Bindelglass and Jeff Parker, with Ed Nagy joining as well; Cathy and Bobby walked everyone through all the data in the spreadsheets, explaining how savings was calculated; also clarified that cost savings are lower with solar arrays financed through a PPA, as ours is (a lease whereby the town pays a reduced price for the power, and does not own the system); an additional benefit of the PPA is that the town did not pay the high upfront costs to build the system, and does not pay to maintain or repair the array
3. Briefly discussed recent technology and information on battery storage and costs; a rep from Skyview Ventures reached out to Cathy with new information; TF decided to invite him to one of our meetings to give us a presentation
4. Residential solar packet: a TF plan to gather helpful information on solar for town residents interested in installing an array; Emily will work with Cathy to assemble a "packet" that can be posted to our page on the town site

Municipal EV readiness program/next steps:

Statewide program where the idea is to be prepared ahead of time with lists of vehicle inventory and ideas for when grants and opportunities for EV become available to towns. We received an initial inventory of municipal vehicles from DPW; Cathy, Katie, Lise and Justin will meet to go

over the list, assess what additional information is needed and figure out next steps for a readiness plan

Recycling, 10/23 event:

Event prep discussion:

1. publicizing the event
2. preparing information to hand out to cars (i.e. recycling dos and don'ts)
3. gather new names for the TF email list
4. TF members will handle curbside pickup for seniors

Grant application:

Cathy updated the group on the date for the grant final decision: October 12

Other:

1. Green Wheels Expo on October 2 in Fairfield: Cathy will send out the flyer to our email subscribers
2. Charging station: need to look into the cost of fixing the one that's broken; Katie will email Ed about this
3. Other: new school employees we might need to reach out to: HKMS principal about composting, Director of Finance for data input

Motion to adjourn: Heidi; second, Katie

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 8:35

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Armster, Secretary, EEETF
Thursday, September 23, 2021