

Minutes

Easton Energy & Environment Task Force

Special meeting, Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Virtual meeting via Zoom, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cathy Alfandre, Heidi Armster, Katie Callahan, Jeff Borofsky, Lise Fleurette, Robert Morganti

Also attending: Diane Geisert, Joan Winter, Grace Foley

Cathy convened the meeting at 7:33

Minutes, October, November:

Brief discussion on minutes from October and November. Heidi motioned to approve the minutes from October; Jeff seconded the motion; all in favor.

Lise motioned to approve the minutes from November; Heidi seconded the motion; all in favor.

Solar data:

Phase I: Performance last month was 153% of expected generation

Phase II: Performance last month was 122% of expected generation

Cathy reported she and Bobby had brought all the data up to date (starting from Nov 2015), with the exception of one month because the TF had never received the numbers from the town; after inquiring, Cathy was told that no bill had been sent for that one month.

Cathy will look into this some more, and then Bobby/Cathy will finalize. Eventually, all this data will show the total accumulated savings from the system start to present.

Recycling grant, final report:

Cathy shared her write-up of the project and asked for comments; a few comments/suggestions may follow, and Cathy will submit the report by the end of the month; Heidi will look into extending one more time, to see if the QR code account can be extended to more than one year.

Cathy asked the group for feedback about the donation amount of \$500 to the Boy Scouts as a thank you for their service and hard work.

Heidi made motion that the Task Force will donate the amount of \$500 to the Boy Scouts for their help with our recycling initiative; Katie seconded; all in favor.

EV update:

Cathy updated the group on the status of applications for incentive and grant funds for a new EV charging station. She received an email from UI that the Town's application for incentive funds (\$20,000) has been approved. DEEP is still reviewing our application for grant funds. Both funding streams are needed to cover the costs. Brief discussion about possible locations for the charging station and the possible need to suggest more than one spot

2023 meeting dates:

Heidi shared the list of 2023 meeting dates with the group; Lise motioned to approve the list of dates; Katie seconded the motion; all in favor.

Other:

1. Katie mentioned the Grass Grow grants, which are designed to promote diversity in communities; Katie will share the link for the TF to discuss in January
2. Cathy shared information about PACE (People's Action for Clean Energy) as a good resource for our Task Force:
 - a. Their program works with CT towns to promote clean energy, with weekly newsletters that are heavily energy focused, more so than most other groups, including a lot of up-to-date information
 - b. They are aligned with many of the same partners we are, making for a streamlined support network
 - c. They offer help with assessments related to installing clean energy infrastructure
 - d. Cathy will invite one of their more active members to an upcoming meeting to learn more
3. Diane updated the group on Food Rescue's recent activity: She had been at HKMS presenting information to the student council, who had indicated an interest in having some sort of collaboration with Food Rescue; she also had a zoom call with an SSSES teacher; and also reached out to Barlow for possible collaboration with the environment group there; briefly discussed re-opening the composting discussion at Barlow
4. Diane noted a mistake on the list of 2023 dates: November date was incorrect. Jeff motioned to approve the list of dates as amended; Katie seconded; all in favor.

Motion to adjourn put forth by Lise; second: Heidi

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 8:17.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Armster, Secretary, EEETF
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