

Minutes

Easton Energy Task Force

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Conference Room A, 7:30 pm

Present: Cathy Alfandre, Heidi Armster, Katie Callahan, Regina McNamara

Cathy convened the meeting at 7:50.

Minutes briefly discussed. Regina motioned we approve; Heidi seconded. All in favor.

Solar update:

- PPA rate was approved by Green Bank;
- John's team will do the detailed engineering specs

Forward Capacity Market update:

- Bill Cratty met with the BoS and presented details of the Forward Capacity Market
- BoS posed their questions
- Adam said he would have the contract reviewed by the town's lawyer
- The town is set to start receiving payments under FCM for Phase I; payments for FCM will follow once Phase II is complete and working
- For Phase I: Over the next 3 years, the total of reimbursement money will amount to more than \$13,000
- Beginning in the second year of FCM enrollment, the Town will begin to receive combined refunds for both solar installations; amount TBD at that time

Lighting project update:

- Cathy was contacted by Carol Labore's replacement at UI (John)
- John needed to get up to speed on TF activities and our current needs, so Cathy put him in touch with Ed Nagy to discuss lighting projects
- After talking with Public Works, John sent a manufacturer's representative to the town to spec out lighting projects at municipal buildings
- Specs were made for the following buildings: 660 Morehouse and some replacements at SSES; other buildings may follow
- The town will get the full incentive from the Energy Efficiency Fund before it goes away because lighting projects qualify quickly for incentives.

Sustainable CT:

- Bob Wall contacted Cathy to share information about the recent formation of 2 CT initiatives: Sustainable CT and Sustainable Fairfield County; the group discussed participating in one or possibly both
- Sustainable FF County: Towns more local to Easton; involves sharing, promoting and supporting all environmental events as a group regardless of which town is hosting the event
- New Canaan, Wilton, Westport, Weston, Fairfield are current participants in the county-wide network
- Next meeting at Earth Place in Westport, March 12, 7:30 to 9 p.m.; Katie will likely be able to attend for the TF

Earth Day prep (e-recycling):

- "Take Two Recycling" will participate once again for our electronics recycling day
- They providing trucks, supplies and people to collect items
- Date: May 12th from 8-1 at SSES, in the back bus loop area
- Katie has reached out to Kim Fox-Santora for permission and possible conflicts
- TF will put out fliers; Ed Nagy will do sandwich boards

Communications for TF:

- Discussed moving switching TF email from yahoo to gmail
- Cathy will look into creating a gmail account

Heidi motioned to adjourn; Regina seconded. Cathy adjourned the meeting at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Armster, Secretary EETF
Monday, April 16, 2018