

Minutes

Easton Energy & Environment Task Force

Regular meeting, June 16, 2021

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

Present: Cathy Alfandre, Heidi Armster, Katie Callahan, Lise Fleurette
Also attending: Emily Marshall, Dana Ceva

Cathy convened the meeting at 7:38

Minutes:

Katie motioned to approve the May minutes; Lise seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Solar update:

1. Solar MAP: Cathy updated the group with the news that none of the Easton buildings looked at would be participating in MAP, for various reasons:
 - a. Town Hall not optimal because expensive trenching would be required from 660 Morehouse
 - b. ECC considered a good site, but ECC (which owns the building) is not interested
 - c. Keller: roof is too old, with no budget for replacement; TF will circle back with Green Bank should this changeHowever, it appears that the Region 9 BoA might go ahead with this program. Green Bank reached out to Redding and discussed with their Selectwoman
2. Solar data - no update, Cathy/Bobby will circle back to all with the data attached

Municipal EV readiness program

Cathy updated on this program: currently being looked at through the Live Green Coalition with Daphne Dixon; communities that want to participate are going to do up front work to prepare for when there are incentives for EV infrastructure and vehicles; Cathy, Lise and Katie will participate in a June 24th clarity session; questions we will aim to answer:

- What is our fleet and how many vehicles do we have
- How soon they will need to be replaced
- What is their range and other specs on usage

Discussed briefly questions the committee should ask. Suggestions were offered.

Other updates

1. Recycling: Katie followed up with Take2; they are available next fall; we will look to coordinate again with Drug Take Back and EMS bottle collection; Katie will get back to the group on the date for this
2. Discussed possibly establishing our own recycling station (for glass at the very least, which could be a cost saver to the town); other recyclable items could be added at a later date
3. Grants: Cathy says Joan sent an email from the CT recycling coalition; Cathy read the details of a grant (due end of June) for one of 2 categories:
 - a. waste reduction and reuse
 - b. recycling and diversionTF discussed whether it was worth it to submit an application and agreed to pursue possible grant for labels for all residents' recycling bins
 - Katie will get information on the costs of stickers
 - Dana and Emily offered to deliver stickers (if we get the grant)
 - Heidi will follow up on getting permission to apply stickers to the bins
4. SB 1037/PA 21-58: passed, to take effect in 2024; the Bill includes bottles such as juice and other health drinks; alcoholic bottles will not be included, but nips bottles will have an additional \$0.05 surcharge to help offset costs for clean up of the litter
5. Other: Heidi gave a summary of the Solar Canopies presentation/zoom webinar

Task Force membership

Cathy reported that Jeff Borofsky is still interested in possibly joining the group, but was unable to attend tonight.

Cathy asked for a motion to adjourn.

Heidi motioned to adjourn; Katie seconded the motion.

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 9:09.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Armster, Secretary, EEETF
7/8/21