

Minutes

Easton Energy Task Force

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, August 16, 2017

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

Present: Cathy Alfandre, Regina McNamara, Heidi Armster, Grace Smith, JBHS Liason
Missing: Katie Callahan

Minutes from June:

Regina motioned to approve; Heidi seconded. Approved unanimously.

Solar Phase II update:

Cathy reported on the Board of Selectmen's meeting to seek REC approval; John Dunster attended to present detailed information on both current solar and the new proposal:

- Solar Phase I is meeting 54% of the needs of the school; anticipate meeting 80% to 90% of building power needs with the addition of Phase II
- \$29,000 savings in electrical costs, of which \$9000 attributable to reduction in peak demand, \$20,000 to solar energy
- Presented projections of savings as well as % of needs met
- BoS agreed and signed off on the performance bond; proceeding with proposal
- John Dunster will now complete a thorough and detailed plan including cost estimates on every step of construction; he will present the more accurate plan once complete
- As with Phase I, the town will continue to pay a new, lower flat rate for electricity

Portfolio Manager update:

Cathy reported via Sheri Borrelli: Good news for the town, data entry has been converted to an automated process, and is being uploaded directly through UI.

Green Spotlight:

Grace presented her article on honey bees, which is in the interview format as a conversation with Michael Kot, a local beekeeper in town. The group read and offered a few small suggestions; Grace will submit to the paper.

Her upcoming project will be to write about the 3rd annual "World Clean-up Weekend" taking place over the weekend of September 15-17. The group discussed what it was about and if there was something the TF could do to contribute to the effort.

Grace will research and write something for publication in time for town residents to be aware of the effort. Hopefully this will give them ideas for action on that weekend.

Other projects:

Cathy will reach out to Adam once again on possible audit of 660 Morehouse and Lighting.

Motion to adjourn, Regina. Second, Heidi. Approved unanimously.

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 8:45

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Armster, Secretary EETF
August 18, 2017