

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE**

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

5:30PM

TOWN HALL 2nd FLOOR MEETING ROOM AND VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

Present: Russ Kaplan, David Price, Jon Searles, Marty Podskoch (Left at 6:48 P.M.), Austin Kelly, and John Greeno (arrived at 6:35 P.M.).

Absent: None

Call to Order: Chairman Kaplan called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Approval of Minutes: January 2, 2024: *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Price, to approve of the January 2, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: Kay Monroe, of 31 South Main Street, stated that she is interested in the task force and wanted to attend a meeting to see what the members do. She also expressed an interest in the task force's programs and incentives.

Evan Giza, 88 Abbey Road, stated he is curious about the task force and what's going on in town.

Town Staff Report: None

Presentation on Sustainable CT: Dorothy Piszczek attended the meeting, via zoom, to present to the members and answer any questions. She guided the members through the different categories on the website. There are 131 towns participating and 58 towns certified in Connecticut. Ms. Piszczek went through the few projects and programs the Task Force put together and performed in the town. The electric car show would count toward a category and the town would have gained points for holding the event. There is also a community matching fund, crowd matching, and community buy in for projects. The town raises half of the budget for the project while the funding programs match the other half of the money to meet the project budget amount. The steps for the task force would be to pass a resolution with the Town Council, establish a sustainable team to handle the 'paperwork', register with Sustainable CT, and set a vision for improvement. The members need to get their resolution drafted and sent to the Town Manager so it can be added to the Town Council's agenda for the same meeting as the presentation. The representative from Sustainable CT would be able to attend the meeting to present to the Council members.

Old Business

A. Working Group Reports and Next Steps:

- 1) **Sustainability:** No update.
 - 2) **Community Solar:** PACE is holding a working group to discuss community solar. The group has been looking into what other states have been doing for implementing community solar. Community solar also ties into virtual net metering. There is also a group of volunteers looking for articles and studies about community solar. Norm Needleman is the co-chair of the State Energy Committee.
 - 3) **EV Charging:** Two members virtually attended the meeting Portland held about EV Charging. The meeting was informative and insightful for future initiatives for the Task Force. A few places around town has been identified as ideal places for EV chargers to be installed.
 - 4) **Shared Clean Energy Facilities (SCEF):** A meeting has been scheduled for February 20th at the Senior Center with the Commission on Aging. Eversource will be attending the meeting via zoom to present and answer questions. There will be an announcement in the Rivereast for the meeting. It was suggested to invite Portland to the meeting as well. The members decided to have the Sierra Club present after next month's meeting.
- B. 2024 Electric Vehicle Car Show:** The members briefly discussed when the car show should be held. It was suggested to figure out the dates of the national car show. *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Price, to hold the car show in the fall to coincide with National event. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

New Business

A. Upcoming Events Calendar: None

Public Remarks: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Chairman Kaplan to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 P.M. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk