

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

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

5:30PM

TOWN HALL 2nd FLOOR MEETING ROOM AND VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

Present: Russ Kaplan, David Price, Jon Searles, and Marty Podskoch.

Absent: None

Call to Order: Chairman Kaplan called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

Approval of Minutes: November 7, 2023: *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Searles, to approve of the November 7, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None

Town Staff Report: None

Old Business: Chairman Kaplan brought pamphlets and informational material from PACE to share with the members.

- A. Community Solar & EV Charging:** At last month's meeting, the commission members passed a resolution to pursue community solar. The members discussed creating a sub-committees to work on interested topics in between meetings. The commission is looking to get support from State Senator and State Representative for community solar. The members briefly discussed the expansion of the infrastructure in town for more EV chargers to be installed in popular areas. The members discussed looking into ESCO's, Energy Service Company, to see about getting their help with some of the initiatives.
- B. Solar Clean Energy Facilities (SCEF):** Shared Clean Energy Facilities is a program for homeowners and local businesses to apply to get a discount on electricity. There is a set criteria for qualifying for the program, like kilowatt hours. This program is available through Eversource. There is a time constraint with the program though since the program will be closing or ending in another year or so. Once signed up and approved, the discount is good for up to 20 years.
- C. Town Council Presentation – December 12:** The members discussed the need to get Town Council approval for joining Sustainable CT. Chairman Kaplan will present to the Town Council about the Task Force and to give them a reminder and an update of what the members are doing in town and on the Task Force. The members looked at each activity and decided which ones they want to volunteer to work on. Mr. Greeno and Mr.

Kelly make up the sub-committee for Community Solar. Mr. Price and Mr. Searles will be the sub-committee for EV Chargers. Chairman Kaplan and Mr. Solomon will be the sub-committee for SCEF. Mr. Greeno, Mr. Podskoch, and Mr. Price will be the sub-committee for sustainability. Someone from each sub-committee to take the role of leader and to give a report or update for the regular monthly meetings.

- D. Sustainability:** The members discussed if they should follow through and keep up with Sustainable CT and sustainability.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaplan, seconded by Mr. Searles, to look at opportunities for getting EV chargers in East Hampton. Voted 4-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaplan, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to do an SCEF education program for the residents in town. Voted 4-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaplan, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to add SCEF to the list of activities to further pursue and discuss. Voted 4-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Searles, to add sustainability to list of activities to further pursue and discuss. Voted 3-1 with Chairman Kaplan abstaining.

- E. Spring EV Car Show:** The members decided to discuss the topic at a later meeting.

New Business: Austin Kelly described a conference he attended called NYSEIA. He explained what the conference was and the exhibitors to the task force members. NYSEIA stands for New York Solar Energy Industries Associations. The members are intrigued by the conference and decided to look into the event.

Public Remarks: Dean Markham, Chairman of the Town Council, expressed his interest in the topics the members were discussing during the meeting. Mr. Markham stated that he believes the new Town Council will be optimistic and receptive of the Clean Energy initiatives.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Chairman Kaplan to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 P.M.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk