

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019
6:00 PM
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

Minutes

Present: Chairman Pat Petrone, Vice Chairman Kurt Reichenbach, Brian Gay, Martin Podskoch, and Glen LeConche.

Absent: Cynthia Singer

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Chairman Petrone.

Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting of January 8, 2019- *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, and seconded by Mr. Gay, to approve of the March 5, 2019 regular meeting minutes with no amendments. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None

Communications

- a) **Town Staff Report:** Mr. LeConche updated the members on the roof project for the town library. The solar panels from the roof were removed. The panels are estimated to be around 10 years old. Details about why they were taken off and the lease for the panels will be investigated. A new charging station will be included in the new town hall building. The other charging station in the village center hasn't been working for a few months. The members suggested looking into how frequently the charging station is being used.

Old Business:

- a) **Citrine Solar- Carbon Credits:** Cela Sinay-Bernie from Citrine Solar presented to the members of the committee. The company deals with commercial solar projects for municipal applicants. The solar power plants are built on non-powered property to gain virtual net metering from that property. On a 2-acre plot of land the solar panels could emit 2 megawatts. The energy generated from the solar power plants will be distributed to municipalities within the town. There would be 5 account numbers to allocate some of the energy. This helps to lower energy bills and get money credits on their bill. These virtual new metering credits are made up of the supply, distribution, and the transition of the energy. There will be a contract with the town and the solar plant. This type of credit

and contract will only allow for municipalities, state organizations, and farms to gain energy. The two biggest hurdles for a project of this size and type would be the interconnection with Eversource and permitting with the town. Another aspect of construction would be to make sure nothing will be changed or harmed involved with the piece of land the solar plant will be built. A suggestion was to talk with other towns that are involved in a project like this. If the town does want to cooperate in this project, they would need to apply for virtual net metering cap. The contract would be 20-25 years for the town. Eversource and United Illuminated get a mix of their energy sources, but a portion needs to come from renewable energy. They can gain more renewable energy credits from the virtual net metering from the solar plant.

- b) **Future Initiatives:** Nothing was discussed.
- c) **Logo/ Facebook/ Website Info:** Nothing was discussed.

New Business:

- a) **2019 Electric Car Show:** The national car show is set for the first Saturday after Labor Day in September. The members set a tentative date for their car show for September 7th.

Public Remarks: None

Adjournment: *The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk