

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020
6:00 PM
MEETING VIA ZOOM

Minutes

Present: Chairman Brian Gay, Vice Chairman Kurt Reichenbach, Martin Podskoch, Kye Amtmanis, Lorry Belanger, and Paul Wisniewski.

Absent: Cynthia Singer,

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M. by Chairman Gay.

Approval of Minutes:

- a) **Regular Meeting of September 1, 2020:** *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Ms. Belanger, to approve of the September 1st, 2020 regular meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None.

Presentation: John Greeno was the Chairman of the Clean Energy Task Force years ago. The members went around introducing themselves and giving a brief background to Mr. Greeno. He joined the meeting to give an idea of what other task forces are doing in different towns around the state. He mentioned that Branford is conducting a heat smart program within the town. East Hartford is also participating in smart energy programs in the community as well. These programs run through the winter to help people and families during the colder months of the year. He advised the members to look at what the other municipalities in different towns in the state are doing to promote and hold clean energy programs. Sustainable CT is helping the towns with different programs throughout the year. It was suggested by Mr. Greeno that East Hampton join Sustainable CT. There are forms to fill out and either the Town Council or the Town Manager has to approve it before it can be completed. A Residential Efficiency Campaign could be a possibility to help spread clean energy around the town. The campaign could help teach the community about clean energy and other sustainable resources. The members briefly discussed investigating programs that could be brought to the town and to start the Sustainable CT application process.

Communications

- a) **Town Staff Report:** A new member has joined the task force, Mr. Paul Wisniewski. The members went around introducing themselves to the new member.

Old Business: The Chairman endorsed the task force and the town in joining Sustainable CT. The application, once filled out, should go in front of the Town Council. It was suggested to have

the Sustainable CT presentation planned for the January meeting. There are different levels of participation when joining Sustainable CT. The group is wider reaching than just clean energy. They also focus on sustainable and efficient power sources as well. They also help programs in town started and functioning properly.

New Business

- a) **Approval of 2021 Meeting Dates:** *A motion was made by Ms. Amtmanis, seconded by Ms. Belanger, to approve of the 2021 meeting dates with the change of the November meeting being moved to the second Tuesday of the month to accommodate for Election Day. Voted 6-0 in favor.*
- b) **Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson:** Mr. Gay announced to the members that he will be stepping down from the task force next year. *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Ms. Amtmanis, to nominate Ms. Amtmanis as Chairperson and to keep Mr. Reichenbach as Vice Chair. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Ms. Belanger, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 P.M. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk