

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021
6:00 PM
TOWN HALL 2nd FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

Minutes

Present: Chairperson Kye Amtmanis, Lorry Belanger, Paul Wisniewski, Martin Podskoch, Darin Aloia, and Russell Kaplan.

Absent: Kurt Reichenbach

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:06 P.M. by Chairperson Amtmanis.

Approval of Minutes October 5, 2021: *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Ms. Belanger, to approve of the October 5th, 2021 meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None

Presentations: John Greeno joined the meeting to present and talk with the members. Residential energy efficiency program would be a great starting point for the task force in town. It would be helpful to identify the target for the programs. In town the target groups would be seniors/ elderly and low-income for affordable energy solutions and programs. There was a survey taken in town by seniors for what should be fixed. This survey also asked how town can help the age group become more energy smart, for example money conscious energy solutions or affordable housing. There are some companies and organizations that can help with programs and energy solutions. There is CRT in Hartford and PACE- People's Action for Clean Energy. These organizations hold and promote programs and affordable clean energy solutions, like heat pumps, insulation, windows, etc. There are incentives tied into solutions and programs promoting more clean energy changes. Middletown has an active PACE program running right now. There was a suggestion to target the condos in town that are still using electric heat for an energy solution change. Another suggestion was to hold a discussion with the condo boards and owners about switching over to more clean energy options. Market clean energy solutions to people living in condos and in town that need solutions. There was a suggestion to get an HVAC company to participate on the clean energy changes to gain more business and to promote the clean energy program. The energizect.com website could help the members get ideas and suggestions on what programs to start and how to start the programs in town. The members discussed applying for grants to fund the programs and initiatives for the town. It was suggested to get mailings out to residents in town to promote and spread the information on the energy solutions and programs. Some ideas for clean energy changes in the community would be to

evaluate the house, look into heat pumps, and to look into solar opportunities. Upcoming programs would aim for the spring since it's too late for anything for the winter. Getting or obtaining materials and equipment would possibly be an issue since the shortage or shipping issues are still occurring. The CT Energy Network would be a great resource and contact for the members to use to help with starting the programs and initiatives. It was also suggested to contact and visit other Task Forces to get more connections and to see how others start their programs.

Communications: None

A. Town Staff Report: None

Old Business:

A. Clean Energy Programs: This was covered in the presentation with John Greeno.

B. Sustainable CT: The members have to present to the Town Council to join Sustainable CT. There was an email sent to the members detailing this topic. The members decided to go for the December 14th Town Council meeting to make their presentation. There is a template on the Sustainable CT website to help the members create their presentation. The members will be added to the Town Council agenda for that meeting.

New Business

A. Approval of 2022 Meeting Dates: *A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, seconded by Ms. Belanger, to approve of the 2022 meeting dates with no changes. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, seconded by Chairperson Amtmanis, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 P.M. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk