

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 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 6:05 P.M. by Chairperson Amtmanis.

Approval of Minutes November 9th, 2021: *A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to approve of the previous meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None

Presentation:

- a) **Earthlight Tech:** Stefan and Jess from Earthlight Tech attended the meeting to talk with the task force members, answer questions, and give advice. Earthlight was established in 2009 in Ellington, Connecticut. It is family owned and grown. Solar solutions were introduced in 2014. A new state of the art headquarters building is being planned in Ellington and will use all clean energy solutions and systems. This building will be an example for other future buildings and planned projects. Help with town initiative with schools and municipal buildings that would be coordinated by the Task Force to get the programs started. An example for the solar program, the panels could go on the roofs of the schools. The best option would be for the school to have them installed but they wouldn't be owned but rented. The school wouldn't have to buy or pay for any of the materials or the panels for installation. The school would then get the energy at a lower cost. There would be a contract between the solar company and the school that would deal with the solar panels and the sale of the energy. There would be no holes or damage to the roof for the installation of the solar panels. The roof lease and power purchase agreement in the contract where a 50% to 60% price reduction on the energy bill. The savings with solar panels starts the first day. It was suggested to have the Task Force members present a plan and solar initiative to the Town Council to spread more interest from them and the community and gain more support for the programs. Investigate if all the schools and town buildings are possible for solar panels. Another suggestion was to get a meeting together to inform and educate the community about residential solar programs and opportunities. This would spread more awareness and gain more support to

get more green solutions into town. *A motion was made by Mr. Kaplan, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to invite Earthlight Technologies to do an initial feasibility test for town buildings to possibly be solarized. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Communications:

- a) **Town Staff Report:** None

Old Business:

- a) **Clean Energy Programs:** This was discussed with Earthlight Tech.
- b) **Sustainable CT:** The final draft of the power point presentation for the Town Council was emailed to the members to review. Mr. Wisniewski will be presenting at next Tuesday's meeting. It was suggested to add more pictures from East Hampton. The Town Council needs to make a resolution to join Sustainable CT. A sub-committee will be formed to keep track of the programs and initiatives in town to be recorded for Sustainable CT.

New Business: There was a suggestion to have Heat Smart present to the members on zoom for an upcoming meeting. It was proposed to have a meeting coincide with one of their webinars to incorporate it into the meeting.

Public Remarks: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Wisniewski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 P.M. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk