

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022  
6:00PM  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Russ Kaplan, Darin Alioa, Paul Wisnieski, Lorry Belanger (arrived at 6:42 P.M.), Kye Amtmanis and Marty Podskoch.

**Absent:** None

**Call to Order:** Ms. Amtmanis called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

**Election of Chairperson & Vice Chairperson:** *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Ms. Amtmanis, to nominate Mr. Kaplan as Chairperson. Voted 4-0-1 with Mr. Kaplan abstaining. A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Wisniewski, to nominate Ms. Belanger as Vice Chairperson. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

**Approval of Minutes: January 4, 2022:** *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Wisniewski, to approve of the previous meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

**Public Remarks:** None

**Presentation:** The Heat Smart presentation was delayed to possibly next month's meeting.

**Communications**

**A. Town Staff Report:** None

**Old Business**

- A. Clean Energy Programs – Review of Past Presentations:** The commission is working on obtaining the information for the energy review from the town. Town Manager approval is needed to look at the town records.
- B. Sustainable CT – Next Steps:** The Town Manager had an expert further explain Sustainable CT to the Town Council. It was suggested to have a representative from Sustainable CT present and talk to the Town Council as a way to help further the application process. Kevin Reich from the Town Council was supportive of the Sustainable CT application. Mr. Kaplan formulated a list of action items for the commission to consider. There should be a 3 person sub-committee, comprising of the Vice Chairman, Mr. Podskoch, and Mr. Wisniewski, for the Sustainable CT projects. There needs to be a sit-down conversation with the commission Chairman and Vice Chairperson with the Town Manager to see what else is needed to get the Sustainable CT application process finished and approved. The members discussed approaching town departments for support and to find volunteers for the Sustainable CT team. Hopefully, there will be action before the March meeting. *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Alioa, that the Chairman and Vice Chairperson should have a meeting*

*with the Town Manager and to get a representative from Sustainable CT and Susan Branfield from Portland to go to the next Town Council meeting to present/ speak. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

## **New Business**

- A. Task Force Membership:** The members discussed getting one more person to join to get a whole 7 person task force. The Chairperson discussed forming a 2 person sub-committee to pursue more membership for the task force. It was suggested to put an ad in the Rivereast to announce a vacancy and post on the Facebook page 'Let's Talk East Hampton' to also use and promotion and gain more members. There was a suggestion to get a person in a field like HVAC to post once about the positive aspects of clean energy solutions. This would help to spread awareness and gain more support in the community. Mr. Kaplan suggested Mr. Alioa and Ms. Amtmanis would be great for the sub-committee. *A motion was made by Chairman Kaplan, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to set-up the sub-committee for the Task Force membership. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

There was discussion about forming another sub-committee with 3 members that would make recommendations for the 2022 Task Force agenda that would be outside the specific projects. The people for this sub-committee would be the Chairman, Vice Chairperson, and Mr. Alioa. The members discussed having a sit-down with the chairs of the other town commissions to discuss the commission projects, Sustainable CT, and clean energy solutions in town. There was another suggestion to talk with the Principal at the High School about involving some students in Sustainable CT projects and including a couple on the Sustainable CT team. There should be an update on the newly formed sub-committees at the March meeting. *A motion was made by Ms. Amtmanis, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to accept the proposed sub-committee as presented to the members. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

The members briefly discussed the electric car show for this year. There is not set date, but it was suggested to host the event on the same day as the VFW lobster dinner. This would get more people with the double event.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Chairman Kaplan, seconded by Ms. Amtmanis, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk