

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022**

**6:00PM**

**TOWN HALL 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR MEETING ROOM  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Russ Kaplan, Darin Aliaa, Paul Wisnieski, Lorry Belanger, and Marty Podskoch.

**Absent:** None

**Call to Order:** Mr. Kaplan called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

**Approval of Minutes: March 1, 2022:** *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Ms. Belanger, to approve of the previous meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

**Public Remarks:** None

**Presentation:** None.

**Communications**

**A. Town Staff Report:** None

**Old Business:**

- A. September Electric Vehicle Show Follow Up:** There are no food vendors for the show yet. The Dublin didn't call back. The report with every vendor & car dealership involved in last year's car show will be shared with the rest of the members. It was suggested to check with Top Dog, Drafty Donuts, and the ice cream vendor from last year to see if they're available for this year's car show. There was a suggestion to get someone owning a drone to fly overhead and film the event for the commission members. The members discussed getting a news release ready to send to the Rivereast and the Events magazine. The members want to look into a different way for people and companies to register for spaces/ booths for the event.
- B. CETF Chair/Vice Chair Meeting with Town Department Heads & Town Manager:** The meeting was insightful. The Town Manager informed the Chairman and Vice Chairman about some background factors with trying to push the town solar project. It would be more complicated trying to go solar within the town. The solar project will be put on hold and focus the ductless heating and cooling project. The Town Manager mentioned wanting to get an electric vehicle in their 'fleet' and looking to get more electric vehicles in the future. There seemed to be one department interested at the meeting while the other departments didn't get back to the Chairman and Vice Chairman about their interest. The members discussed other ways to gain more interest from the town departments. The members are not giving up on Sustainable CT.
- C. Earthlight Tech and John Greeno's Status with Task Force:** The members discussed getting an update from Stefan from Easthlite Technologies and John Greeno. There is no knowledge of any progress yet. It was suggested to offer energy audits to the town as a possible starting program. The members need to talk with Heat Smart about getting the

energy audits started for the town. Broadcast marketing materials and information about the audits to the town and residents.

## **New Business**

### **A. Meet with EHHS Science Teacher Roger Abraham Concerning Staff and**

**Students:** The commission is intent on working closely with the High School to get some teachers and student interested and involved in future events and projects. Mr. Abraham is the initial contact for the members to get this idea off the ground. The commission is still working on getting into contact with the school's Principal. It was suggested that if the Principal is busy, the Vice Principal would be an avenue to take to get a meeting with the Principal. The students are looking to get credit for the events & projects they help with and involve themselves with. The students gain credit by have a form signed by the Chairman and given to a teacher that is in charge of giving that student credit. An idea would be to get people to use ductless heating and cooling. A show promoting clean energy solutions would be held with the students helping to pass out the pamphlets and flyers to spread the information and awareness of the clean energy solutions. It was suggested that the students could also help staff the electric car show in September. The members discussed how the students obtain their credits for helping with the commission's events and projects/ programs. Another suggestion was made to have students attend the commission meetings to learn more about the commission's intensions and plans for future events and programs. The students could incorporate their Capstone projects, where seniors perform community project, into a commission event or program. The members discussed approaching other teachers in the High School interested in getting involved with the Clean Energy Task Force. The members agreed to contact Mr. Abraham once a project is set up.

### **B. CETF Website Newsletter:** The commission website has no new information uploaded. The members discussed what to update on the website. A suggestion was to put an announcement for the Electric Car Show. Another suggestion was to update the website before the meeting about what is happening and info if there is a presentation.

### **C. Update CETF Members Contact Information:** The member contact information sheet has been updated after the recent members have left. There are three vacancies on the Task Force and once there are new members appointed the sheet will be updated again.

### **D. Report from 3/31/22 SCT Webinar "Navigating CT's New EV & Energy**

**Storage:** The Chairman and Vice Chairman attended a webinar on 3/31/22. They stated that the presentations were very thorough and informative. It was a very technical and precise webinar.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Ms. Belanger, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 P.M. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk