

Town of East Hampton
Clean Energy Task Force
Regular Meeting

May 2, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.

East Hampton Town Hall Conference Room

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Chairman Pat Petrone, Martin Podskoch, Pamela Rinaldi, Brian Gay, and Glen LeConche (Town of East Hampton Building Official)

Absent: Kurt Reichenbach and Jack Solomon

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Chairman Petrone.

Approval of Minutes: March 7, 2017 Regular Meeting:

A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch to approve the March 7, 2017 regular meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Gay. Voted 4-0.

Public Remarks: None

Communications: None

Town Staff Report: Mr. LeConche stated that 21 solar permits have already been approved this year; 20 are residential and 1 is commercial. He will bring information on which solar companies are being utilized, which will give the Task Force information on which permits are through the Solarize CT program. Chairman Petrone noted that Paul's & Sandy's will soon be obtaining a solar permit as well. It was also suggested to give an update on the solar program to Rivereast.

Old Business:

Developments from Facilities Building Committee Meetings: Chairman Petrone updated that he had attended two Building Committee meetings and that the committee was interested in feedback from the Task Force and guidance when necessary. It was noted that members of the task force will attend meetings as much as possible. Chairman Petrone would like to ask them to put Eversource on one of their upcoming agendas. Mr. LeConche stated that it may be a good idea to research another town that has done a similar project to be able to give statistics and data on energy usage and savings related to such.

Eversource Clean Energy Credits & Moving Forward: Chairman Petrone has received the information and will review it. He asked Task Force members to think of some small community project they might be able to do over the summer. For

example, a LED exchange that involves the girl and/or boy scouts, or tables at Little League.

There was discussion on a possible green car show and what location might be good for that.

New Business:

Epoch Arts Municipal NAA Liaison for State Grant Help & Solar Projects with Ross Solar: Chairman Petrone was contacted by Deb Robinson at Epoch Arts. They would like to do a solar project with Ross Solar, but they need a NAA liaison, which is a liaison between the contractor and the IRS because they would receive a tax deductible grant. After looking into this, Chairman Petrone does not feel that anyone on the Task Force is qualified to do this, particularly because they are not part of Town Staff. In the meantime, Epoch decided to table their solar program for at least a year as their application fee and credits and funding were not coming together. They will instead be moving forward with an energy efficiency project; improving their lighting, revamping some areas that desperately need it and working on their electrical.

It was noted that if other businesses in town want to apply for grants, a NAA liaison would need to be designated. Mr. LeConche stated that he would get some more information and present it to Town Manager Maniscalco to see who would be a good fit.

New buildings in town, such as NAPA and the machine shop next to Epoch Arts, were discussed, along with how they could be encouraged to be energy efficient. It is possible that Eversource can help and/or there could be tax incentives.

Public Remarks: None

Adjournment: *Mr. Podskoch moved and Mr. Gay seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 P.M. Voted 4-0*

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti
Recording Clerk