

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

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

6:00PM

TOWN HALL 2nd FLOOR MEETING ROOM

MINUTES

Present: Russ Kaplan, Nico Guerrera, Lorry Belanger, Marty Podskoch, Jack Solomon (arrived at 6:30 P.M.), and David Price.

Absent: None.

Call to Order: Chairman Kaplan called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes: December 6th, 2022: *A motion was made by Mr. Price, seconded by Ms. Belanger, to approve of the December 6, 2022 regular meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None

Communications

A. Town Staff Report: None

Old Business

- A. 2023 Energy Fair:** An email sent out about which companies and organizations are planning to attend the fair. There are nine companies that have confirmed they will be participating in the fair. Eversource, PACE, Newington Electric, Sustainable CT, Earthlight, Airline Cycle, PosiGen, Valley Windows, and Absolute Air Services. It was suggested to use the contact from Channel 3 news to get a story on the news to gain some publicity for the fair. The members discussed whether student helpers would be needed for the fair. The students could help set up, break down, hand out pamphlets/ flyers, and direct people. The school will supply the tables and chairs for the companies to use for their displays. The members discussed having some of the companies hold presentations with a question and answer section afterward. The presentation should be 15 minutes with another 15 minutes for questions. Flyers stating which company will be at which table would be made up and passed to people attending the event. Easels could be set up to hold big posters announcing the event and the presentations. It was suggested to have a booth for the Task Force at the event. This would help to spread the awareness for the Task Force and possibly gain more members. It was suggested to reach back to the companies to confirm their participation in the fair and to inquire about them holding a presentation. The members could send a copy of the presentations and the company info

to Cathy to print flyers. An article announcing the fair was submitted to the Rivereast and will recur until the date of the fair. It was suggested to change the article with updated information and a list of the companies attending the event. The members discussed sending the fair information to every parent in town using the PTO and the Principal of the school. Another suggestion was to print and post the flyers around town and in the school to gain more attention and spread awareness of the event. There was a suggestion to write a letter to the Rivereast about the fair. The list of the attending companies could be added to the letter. The members discussed having pictures of clean energy changes in town with added captions to gain more attention in the article. An example of a clean energy change in town would be a solar array at Mr. Solomon's property or the newly installed mini split at the Historic Society. The members discussed getting to the school for 5 pm to set up and get things ready for the fair. There should be two students to help out each hour of the event equaling six students in total to help during the event. A sign should be drafted announcing that the Task Force is looking for new members and be posted at the booth. It was suggested to ask for money to get some big posters printed for the fair.

New Business: The members unanimously decided to change the meeting time from 6pm to 5:30pm to give the members more time to hold discussions.

A. Middle School (MS) Roof Project

a) Earthlight Invitation for February Task Force Meeting re: MS Solar

Opportunity: Earthlight is interested in talking to the Task Force about talking to the Middle School Roof Committee. They want to make a presentation to the Task Force about solar being added to the Middle School roof.

B. Outreach to MS Roof Committee: The committee is newly formed and too early to try any sort of outreach for the roof project.

Public Remarks: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Ms. Belanger, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 P.M. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk