

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023**

5:30PM

**TOWN HALL 2nd FLOOR MEETING ROOM #207 & VIA ZOOM
MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Russ Kaplan, Vice Chairperson Lorry Belanger, Nico Guerrera (Zoom), Marty Podskoch, David Price and Jack Solomon. Also present Town Manager David Cox, Stephan Hartmann from Earthlight Technologies, Bernie Pelletier from Pace (Zoom) and Resident Jon Searles

Call to Order

Chairman Kaplan called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: February 7, 2023

A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Price, to approve of the February 7, 2023 regular meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 6-0 in favor.

Public Remarks

None

Town Staff Report

None

Old Business

Middle (MS) School Roof Project

- a. Report on MS Roof Committee 2/27 Meeting
- b. Strategies for Working with MS Roof Committee

Chairman Kaplan reported on the first meeting of the MS Roof Committee that occurred on February 27th. The architect is preparing documents for the RFP. The project is planned to be started and completed this summer when school is out. The project needs to stay focused on the roof. Solar can be addressed after the new roof is in place. Stephan Hartmann from Earthlight noted that the Town should be sure the RFP doesn't preclude solar, that it wouldn't void the warranty, and that the installer is aware of possible solar down the road. The roof would also need to have an engineering structural inspection prior to installing solar. Mr. Hartmann noted they have done structural inspections for \$5,000. The usual solar configuration is 5 pounds/sq ft with no penetration. Bernie Pelletier from PACE noted that a re-roof should be an opportunity for solar. There was a discussion of owning the solar as opposed to leasing the solar array.

Mr. Cox noted that there is a short-term goal and a long-term conversation. Short term is what needs to be done now and included in the RFP so that the roof project can move ahead and not preclude solar. The longer-term conversation is what is a realistic figure for structural analysis. Does any structural improvement wipe out the payback.

August is the next time to apply for solar incentives.

Chairman Kaplan will continue to attend the MS Roof Meetings and will keep the Task Force informed.

New Business

None

Public Remarks

None

Adjournment

Chairman Kaplan adjourned the meeting at 6:50p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk