

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023
5:30PM
TOWN HALL 1st FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

MINUTES

Present: Russ Kaplan, Nico Guerrera, Lorry Belanger, Marty Podskoch, Jack Solomon, Jon Searles and David Price (arrived at 5:32 P.M.).

Absent: None

Call to Order: Chairman Kaplan called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

Approval of Minutes: March 7, 2023: *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Solomon, to approve of the March 7, 2023 regular meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None

Communications

A. Town Staff Report: None

Old Business:

A. Middle School (MS) Roof Project: The Middle School Roof Committee held their meeting. The committee decided to go to the Town Council meeting next week to make a case to pursue the available funding to move a solar roof project forward. The members also wanted to involve the Clean Energy Task Force in the solar project. Stephan Hartmann of Earthlight Technology attended the meeting via zoom to present and answer the member's questions. Mr. Hartmann sent replies to Chairman Kaplan's answers. The Task Force members will help to move the solar project along by supplying information and expertise for the project. The committee needs to have a plan and process in place for the project before applying for funding. An RFQ or RFI would help to develop a plan for the solar project before sending out to prospective developers. This would also help to better prepare for any unforeseen obstacles and issues during the construction stage of the project. It was suggested to have the committee members include the saving opportunities of each option for the solar project to the Town Council. It was suggested to let the Town Council enable the Roof Committee to apply for the August solar funding after the presentation was given at the next Council meeting. Under a letter of intent Earthlight would list the costs of setting up the project that the company would cover. If the town later decides to pull out of the project the fees would need to be paid by the town. The letter also states how much money it would cost if the town pulled out of the project. It was suggested to have Mr. Reich take the letter of intent to the Town Council meeting to present it to the members. There are many factors in the timeframe for applying for the August funding. But it would be achievable if a solar plan was put together by the end of May. Mr. Hartmann agreed to create a presentation for the Town Council and the Town Manager to give all the pertinent details and information at their meeting. It was suggested to have Mr. Solomon, Mr. Searles, and Chairman Kaplan draft the letter to give to Mr. Reich to pass along to the Town Council members.

B. 2023 Car Show: The car show will be on June 3rd this year. A handout listing all the contacts the members have made was passed around for the members to review. The members will reach out to the contacts to inquire about their involvement in the event before the next monthly meeting. It was decided that Mr. Guerrera will handle the media aspect of the event while he contacted Volkswagen to see they would be attending. Chairman Kaplan will be in charge of signage for the event. Since the date was changed from last year, new signs would need to be made. Mr. Podskoch will contact the DJ from last year to ask if he'd be available this time while also inquiring with Hyundai about their attendance for the event. Chairman Kaplan and Mr. Guerrera will break up the remaining responsibilities and assign them to the other members. Ms. Belanger will be in charge of the volunteer students and contacting the ice cream vendor for their availability. Another suggestion was to have Mr. Podskoch contact a couple other food vendors to join the event. Andy Bauer will be contacting Nissan to see if they would be available for the event. Ms. Belanger will be contacting Ford to ask for their participation in the event. And Mr. Price will contact Polstar to ask about their availability and participation in the event. There was a suggestion to have clean energy vendors involved in the event again like last year. The members could contact some companies to see about their willingness to participate. A suggestion was made to see about getting a couple of electric bicycles to show off at the event as well.

New Business: The members briefly discussed when to have the next energy fair.

Public Remarks: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Kaplan, to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 P.M. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk