

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023**

**5:30PM**

**TOWN HALL 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR MEETING ROOM AND VIA ZOOM**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Russ Kaplan, Nico Guerrero, Marty Podskoch, and Jon Searles.

**Absent:** Lorry Belanger, Jack Solomon, and David Price

**Call to Order:** Chairman Kaplan called the meeting to order at 5:39 P.M.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Kaplan, to adopt the agenda as submitted. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

**Approval of Minutes: April 4, 2023:** *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Searles, to approve of the April 4, 2023 regular meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

**Public Remarks:** None

**Communications**

**A. Town Staff Report:** None

**Old Business:**

- A. Middle School (MS) Roof Project:** A fact sheet was drafted and sent to members to review. The fact sheet would then be sent to the Town Council and Town Manager to better help explain reasoning behind pursuing solar panels on the Middle School roof. The Town Manager asked why the Middle School roof and not the High School roof.
- B. 2023 Car Show:** Emails were sent out to previous event attendees. There have been no responses as of yet. The members discussed the dealerships they visited and the responses. A member will go to Volkswagen in the next couple of days. Honda dealerships only have hybrid cars, so they won't be attending the event. The EV Club of CT has the event listed on their webpage. A member will check in with the president periodically. It was suggested to contact the Quinnipiac Car Club as well to spread more info for the event. An article will be going into the Rivereast for the event that is targeted to electric vehicle owners in the community. Mr. Podskoch stated the Hyundai dealership he went to said they don't sell them since they can't service the vehicles. The Hartford Hyundai dealership wouldn't be able to send a salesman for the event since the store is short staffed. It was suggested to try the Meriden Hyundai dealership. The Manchester

dealership didn't respond to the members. Chairman Kaplan contacted four dealerships and received no replies back. It was suggested that the members go to more dealerships in the hopes of gaining more participants in the event. It was decided to have Mr. Guerrero go to Ford and Nissan for more participants. Mr. Searles will go to Toyota to gain more dealership attendance. Colchester of Toyota will be attending the event. There is a list of EV vehicles for 2023 that can be handed out to the guests at the event. Mr. Kaplan reached out to Chevy with no response from the dealership. Mr. Price contacted Volvo and Polstar, but he didn't send an update for the meeting. The members discussed where to post the event signs and where to hang the flyers and posters around town. The outdoor event signs will be posted by CVS, Small Engines business, the library, the congregational church, the island by the entrance to Stop and Shop, and the Food Bag on 16. The 2x4 outdoor sign would be posted by Westchester Market and on 66 coming from Marlborough. The members decided to walk around the Village Center and the Route 66 corridor businesses to hand out and hang up flyers and posters in the businesses. There was a suggestion to keep track of which businesses agreed and refused to have the posters and flyers hung up. This way the members won't bother businesses more than once.

**New Business:**

- A. May 2023 Federal Grant Program for EV Charging:** The US DOT has an EV Charging grant available. The CFI, Charging & Fueling Infrastructure, program is aimed more for small towns. It was suggested to have the members apply for the grant and to have Mr. Kaplan draft the application. The app will be emailed to the members to be reviewed and have changes suggested. Once the final draft is finished it would be submitted by the 30<sup>th</sup>. The application is called a Notice of Funding opportunity. *A motion was made by Mr. Kaplan, seconded by Mr. Searles, for the Task Force to pursue funding for the CFI discretionary grant program. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

**Public Remarks:** None

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Mr. Kaplan to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk