

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023
TOWN HALL 1st FLOOR MEETING ROOM AND VIA ZOOM
MINUTES

Present: Russ Kaplan, David Price, Lorry Belanger, and Jack Solomon.

Absent: Jon Searles and Marty Podskoch.

Call to Order: Chairman Kaplan called the meeting to order at 5:51 P.M.

Approval of Minutes: June 6, 2023: *A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Ms. Belanger, to approve of the June 6, 2023 regular meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None

Communications: None

A. Town Staff Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business

- A. Task Force Membership:** Mr. Guerrero resigned from the task force. The members are going to look for ways to gain more membership.
- B. 2023-2024 Clean Energy Opportunities:** John Greeno attended the meeting to talk with the members. Chairman Kaplan reached out to the housing authority in town. There was a response but was unenthusiastic. They have been working on heat pump replacements in the residences. The housing authority doesn't see an opportunity for solar yet. Years ago, the state pushed to get ductless mini splits installed in residences. The members mentioned other housing authorities in the state, like Windsor Locks, have installed solar on their apartment complexes and condominiums. Mr. Greeno offered to perform a walk-through of residential sites in town to get an idea of what's there and to see what other opportunities are available. The walk-through would be held at the end of the month so Mr. Greeno can get a report to the members for the next monthly meeting. This would also help the members make a plan and figure out where to go to apply for the right grant funding. It was suggested to create a joint initiative with the Commission on Aging. The members discussed holding a program or project first in town before going to the town for a solar project. It was suggested to look into community solar programs for apartments and condos in town. The members discussed reaching out to PACE to start a

conversation with them about community solar. More information about community solar and the housing authority should be gathered for next month's meeting.

- C. Fall Energy Fair:** The members discussed the next energy fair. It was suggested to market the event more towards the residents with energy problems. The members discussed bringing the event up with the housing authority to get their take and gain more support. The members discussed the date for the event to be held. One idea discussed was to hold the event before school starts up. Mr. Price will be reaching out to the school Principal about the event date. Another suggestion was to have the event during October or the first two weeks of November. If the event is held during the school year, the members decided it should coincide with a game or school event so the energy fair could reach more people. The members suggested holding talks or presentations for clean energy solutions for condos and apartments in town. The members decided the date for the energy fair needs to be agreed upon at next month's meeting.

Public Remarks: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Price, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 P.M. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk