

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

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

5:30PM

TOWN HALL 2nd FLOOR MEETING ROOM AND VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

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

Absent: None

Call to Order: Chairman Kaplan called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Approval of Minutes: October 3rd, 2023: *A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to approve the October 3, 2023 regular meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None

Town Staff Report: None

Old Business:

- A. Fall 2023 Energy Fair After Action Review:** Mr. Price gave a review and update for the Energy Fair. The members were disappointed by the turn out of the event. The weather didn't help the turn out for the event either. Some of the vendors received referrals during the event. There were a variety of companies that participated in the fair. There was a suggestion to have the energy fair coincide with the Breakfast with Santa event for next year. The fair last year had more turn out than the current fair. There was discussion of holding the fair during or coinciding with another event in town to gain more public attendance. The members discussed getting more companies to participate in the fair next year. There were only 9 companies in attendance at this year's fair. There were some valuable interactions between the companies and the public. The members talked about ways to heighten the amount of public attending the fair for next year. There was discussion of how to get people interested in clean energy and attending the fair. There were no student volunteers this time since they were running the Turkey Plunge event at the same time.
- B. Schedule Meeting with Kirt Mayland of CIRCA to Discuss Community Solar Options:** Mr. Mayland is very knowledgeable about the different options for community solar. He was asked to become a resource for the task force. He was invited to the December meeting to talk with the members.

- C. Task Force Membership:** There are two pending applications for the vacancies on the task force. Austin Kelly and John Greeno have both applied. Mr. Kelly attended the energy fair and expressed interest in joining the task force. There were some others that expressed their interest at the fair as well.

New Business

- A. Goals for 2024:** The members discussed having a three member work group that could plan and discuss the goals, events, and programs for 2024 and bring it to the members at the December meeting. The town gets 2-3 million kilowatts of power from net metering. All of the schools, the Town Hall, sewage plant, and one compressor are all on net metering. Need a legislation to pass a law like the one passed in Massachusetts for residential solar. Community Solar, Electric Car Show, and fall energy fair events should be put on the agenda for 2024. *A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, for the Task Force to move ahead on community solar and to contact other Task Forces to get their opinion and help, contact local senators to get a law passed for community solar, and to coordinate with the Town Council to convince them to contact local senators to help get the law passed. Voted 5-0 in favor.*
- B. Spring 2024 EV Car Show:** The members deferred this topic for next month's meeting.
- C. Approval of 2024 Meeting Dates:** *A motion was made by Chairman Kaplan, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to approve of the 2024 meeting dates as presented with the July meeting being held on July 9th. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Chairman Kaplan to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 P.M.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk