Town of East Hampton

**Clean Energy Task Force**

Special Meeting

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

East Hampton Public Library, History Room

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairperson Pat Petrone, Vice Chairperson Kurt Reichenbach, Brian Gay, Martin Podskoch, & Cynthia Singer

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:13 P.M. by Chairperson Petrone.

**Approval of Minutes: May 1, 2018 Regular Meeting:**

*A motion was made by Mr. Gay to approve the June 5, 2018 regular meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Podskoch. Voted 4-0.*

**Public Remarks:** None

**Communications:** None

**Town Staff Report:**

*A motion was made by Chairperson Petrone to reach out to Cathy Sirois to see if Glen is still interested in being our liaison and if he is not to request that a different person be assigned to act as our liaison. Mr. Gay seconded the motion. Voted 5-0.*

**Old Business:**

**Logo/Facebook/Website**

The Facebook page is now live – East Hampton Clean Energy Task Force. Chairperson Petrone said he “liked” the page following the last meeting and recommended that we post in “Let’s Talk East Hampton” and “East Hampton Uncensored” in order to get more people to learn about and “like” the page. Mr. Gay will share the page in these groups to raise awareness.

The website is still a work in progress. Chairperson Petrone said he sent the mission statement to Cathy to post but isn’t sure if it has been posted yet.

**Green Car Show, Sept. 8, 2018 (raindate September 9th)**

Mr. Podskotch asked if we have signs other than “Power Down, Solar Up” banners. Chairperson Petrone wasn’t sure but said he has the Clean Energy Car Show banners from last year.

Chairperson Petrone provided some background about the event to Ms. Singer and said that this year we are seeking more dealerships, more residents and vendors/community organizations to participate and set up booths. The group was going to partner with Portland Clean Energy, however has not yet heard back from their Chairperson Andy Bauer.

Members provided updates on car dealerships. Mr. Gay reached out to Middletown Nissan and Tesla: Middletown Nissan asked him to send a letter and information about the event which he did; Tesla was unresponsive. Ms. Singer will reach out to Jackson dealership. Mr. Podskoch will reach out to Ford, Dodge, Kia & Hyundai. Vice Chairperson Reichenbach will reach out to Honda in Wallingford.

Ms. Singer asked about food for the event - Chairperson Petrone said that the Dublin will be there providing some of their food options. Chairperson Petrone also said that entertainment was all set.

Mr. Gay will reach out to the offices of Senator Linares & Representative Ziobron so that they are aware of the event.

For donations, Mr. Gay heard back from the Lucky Goat who agreed to make a donation of a $25 gift certificate.

**New Business:**

**Minisplit system project – John Greeno**

Chairperson Petrone shared information about a prospective project with John Greeno, a former EHCETF Chairperson, to assist low & middle income residents to do a conversion to mini-split systems. They are looking to pilot the program with local condo associations, a community off of Princess Pocotopaug Drive, and Lake View as well. Once they have piloted in select communities, they will seek to expand to low income residents, etc. with Mr. Greeno taking the lead on the project. Mr. Gay asked if there is much Section 8 housing in town – other members weren’t certain but said they didn’t think there was very much.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Adjournment:** *Chairperson Petrone moved to adjourn at 6:45 pm, with all in favor to adjourn.*

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Gay

Recording Clerk & Task Force Member