



Minutes of the Energy Task Force

MEETING: June 20, 2012

In Attendance: Geoff Cook, George Keithan, Sue Gumbart, Harsh Luthra, Peter Brandon

Absent: John Byrne, Deb Sodergren, Cathy Iino, Bill Leahy, Terry Doyle, Jonathan Norton,

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00

2. REVIEWED MEETING MINUTES FROM 03/21/2012 KETF MEETING. Couldn't vote to approve minutes, no quorum

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Overview of Solarize CT Program - We reviewed the opportunity to participate in Solarize CT program. Our basic understanding was that the program was designed to provide a lot of marketing support to help launch a solar buying program in a few select towns using local selected solar vendors. It didn't offer the town any other real financial incentives to get involved, nor did it provide a real opportunity for us to address changes in the local permitting process which may help to put solar installations on a faster track in the town. Ultimately it was decided that with a small commission like ours, all volunteers, a lot of work would have been involved for what we determined would be of little actual gain. Be Free Solar - for example - could offer a similar discount program to Killingworth residents - and if enough households sign up Be Free could offer a discounted installment rate all on their own without the help of the Solarize program. Geoff was going to write a letter to Bob Wall explaining our position.

B. Review of last month's regional outreach event that was held in Westbrook - We all thought the meeting was very good and it seems like the CT Clean Energy Communities Program provides a lot of opportunity (and support) for outreach programs that Killingworth can take advantage of. We decided to focus on getting a Home Energy Solutions Booth established at the upcoming August 4 Church Fair. Sue G. volunteered to work with Deb Sodergren to speak with Ed Phelan who is chairing the Fair to see if

we can pull something together. Geoff was going to follow up with our Clean Energy contact person Diana McCarthy-Bercury to get things moving on her end.

C. Review the status of approved town funding for energy repairs/updates - The Town Board of Finance reviewed our plan for energy conservation measures at each of the municipal buildings and while we know that Cathy said it was well received we don't know what suggestions we made were incorporated and how they ultimately were funded (additional line items in maintenance budgets for example). Since Cathy wasn't at the meeting we will have to wait to hear from her about our proposal.

D. Next steps – re: RSD-17 engagement process - Geoff will call Jamie Lehane to try and set up a meeting with him as a first step.

4. OLD BUSINESS - No old business will be discussed

5. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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