



## Meeting Minutes Killingworth Energy Task Force July 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM

**1. Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. In attendance were Geoff Cook, Sue Gumbart, Eric Donovan-Couture, Cathy Iino, Tom Chase and Terry Doyle. Harsh Luthra came as a visitor

**2. Minutes** - Terry Doyle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from special meeting of 6-13-14. Tom Chase seconded. Minutes were approved.

**3. Visitors** - Harsh Luthra of BeFree Solar came to discuss the permitting fees. BeFree has started a petition in an effort to get the Town to drop the permit fees. The Killingworth Clean Energy Task Force had recommended last month that we charge a flat fee of \$200. After much discussion about the fee structure, Terry made a motion to reiterate our previous stance that the permit fee be reduced to a flat fee of \$200 for solar installations. Sue seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**4. Communications and Bills** – none discussed

**5. Old Business** – None

**6. New Business** –

**(a) Update on where we currently stand with Solarize** – We have many events planned for the next several weeks. Starting with the Congregational Church Chicken dinner on Friday eve. 7/25/14, Killingworth Road Race 7/26/14, and Parmelee Farm concert 7/27/14. At all of these events BeFree will have a table set up and will be distributing informational brochures. Geoff will also be at the chicken dinner and road race.

In August, Solarize HK will start the month with an event on Thursday eve., August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Killingworth Firehouse. CEFA and BeFree are working together to promote and organize this event. Its purpose is to provide information on the many financing/leasing options that are available to homeowners wishing to install solar. Several banks will be in attendance including Nutmeg Credit Union and Eastern Savings.

The next thing planned is a mailing to all Killingworth residents to remind them of the Solarize HK program and to help promote the Killingworth Solar home tour on 8/16/14. The letter will be a joint letter sent out by both Cathy and Melissa as First Selectwomen from both towns. On the back of the letter will be a map showing all of the homes that will be open as part of the tour so that people interested in seeing solar installations in place and working, can do so. Extra copies of the house tour map will be printed so they can be posted around town to help generate interest in the event.

For the home tour on August 16, we currently we have the following homes either already signed up or in the process of being signed up and confirmed by BeFree: Dysingers, Keithan, Gannon, Toby, Tobleman and Byrne. The plan is to have one solar ambassador at each home to help the homeowner as visitors come to look at the installations. BeFree is coordinating this event. Maps of tour will be made available at each location, as well as

informational Solarize HK brochures. In addition, if we have any information on the September event (see below) that should also be made available to house tour visitors to encourage them to come to that meeting.

Another Solarize HK event is being planned for Wednesday evening September 10 (possible alternate date of September 18<sup>th</sup>). Meeting place is to be determined though it has been suggested that the HK Middle school may be a good venue. At this event we want to give a last good push for the Solarize HK program. (4<sup>th</sup> and goal so to speak). It will be a lot like the initial launch meeting although to give it extra interest, we want to have a variety of experts on hand to discuss solar as well as things like heat pumps, solar hot water and adding insulation. The idea is to expand the event beyond just solar to hopefully attract more people who want to learn about how to be greener and further reduce their energy usage.

We would like to get a good sized article in the September Krier to help to give Solarize HK a big final push. Lyn Rosoff from Smart power will help contact Fiona early to help ensure that we will have space for the article. Also, BeFree has a contact list of approximately 400 names that we could do an email blast to get the message out.

**7. Adjournment** – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Terry. Eric seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Our next scheduled meeting is for August 27 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sue**

Sue Gumbart  
Secretary – Killingworth Clean Energy Task Force