

EASTFORD CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 13, 2019

Eastford Town Office Building

Members present: Tom Hughes, Paul Torcellini, Frank Castagna, Mary Ellen Ellsworth, Adam Rzynski

1. The meeting was called to order by Tom Hughes at 7:01 p.m.
2. The motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2018, with corrections, was made by Frank Castagna, seconded by Paul Torcellini, and approved unanimously.
Corrections: 3A, B, C, not 3A, A, B. Under 3A: "The current rate is approximately 8 cents per kilowatt hour."
3. Paul Torcellini provided the Municipal Report.
 - A. Eastford Elementary School. The solar panels are on the roof, and the solar system has been running since early January. A "ribbon cutting ceremony" has been suggested.
 - B. Eastford Public Library. Drainage work has been completed. The Town is working on the basement floor, which was flooded. Attic insulation is desired, but the roof structure has to be considered. Discussions will occur, to determine the best course of action.
 - C. The Town Office Building has R-22 Air Conditioning on the upper level. This service was put in 30 years ago, and cannot be serviced after 2019.
 - D. No updates on overall Municipal Energy Use.
4. Tom Hughes gave an update on our proposal for an electric car charging station in Eastford. He has been quoted a price of \$3,175 for a Level 1 charging station, at the school-side edge of the municipal parking lot, if the Town of Eastford does the excavating for the electrical lines and conduit. The plan is to prepare all lines for a level 2 installation, so that we will be ready for an upgrade when we have additional funds. This plan would allow the Task Force about \$1,000 to cover any additional electric service charges that might be incurred due to the use of the car charging station. Tom will update figures for Level 1 and Level 2 charging stations for our April meeting. Frank will check to see if there may be any Level 2 Stations within our budget available for purchase in Woodstock or other surrounding towns.
5. Mary Ellen Ellsworth reported that she has contacted Eversource about grants and other funding opportunities for green initiatives, including a car charging station. The Task Force will follow up on a couple of promising contacts.
6. Updated 2019 electric vehicle information is just becoming available. We hope to have an article for the Eastford Communicator on this information soon.
7. Tom Hughes offered to serve as Chair of the Clean Energy Task Force; he has also offered to take the minutes for upcoming meetings. We all say, "Thanks!"
8. New Business
 - A. The Task Force has proposed its 2019-2020 budget of \$2,400. With these funds, if the Task Force can secure a small supplemental grant, it should be able to move forward with a Level 2 Car Charging Station.

- B. The Task Force discussed an Electric Car Fair to coincide with Experience Eastford. Adam will contact local car dealers to see if they might be interested in participating.
 - C. Adam warned members that incentives for “going solar” may drop from 30% to 20% in the next fiscal season.
9. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved, at 8:17 p.m.

Mary Ellen Ellsworth, recorder

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m., Eastford Town Office Building, Lower Level

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