

## **NORTH HAVEN CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2021 • MEETING MINUTES**

### **Attendance**

Present: Kenny Foscue (Chairman), Hugh Davis, Georgann Witte, Jim Stenqvist, Anita Weicht, Naedine Hazell (Minutes taker).

### **Climate Change Forum**

The Nov. 8 Climate Change Forum, which was held at town hall and recorded by North Haven TV, went smoothly, Chairman Foscue reported. Moderator by First Selectman Mike Freda, the forum included three speakers: Robert Klee of the Yale School of the Environment, and Mauro Diaz-Hernandez of the Yale Center on Climate Change and Health as well as Chairman Foscue who presented on actions taken by the task force in recent years as well as suggestions on how anyone can lessen their impact on the environment. A link to a recording of the forum online (Vimeo) will be shared with town officials, including the task force. Member Georgann suggested the task force seize the opportunity to publicize the forum with the link and members suggested Facebook, social media, local newspapers and others. (Naedine will post on Facebook, social media and North Haven Patch. Jim to post an announcement on the North Haven Clean Energy Task Force Facebook page.) NHTV will provide DVD copies of the forum.

### **Monthly column by the clean energy task force**

The group brainstormed ideas for a monthly column that could appear in any local news outlet (Georgann to reach out about the possible column to the North Haven Citizen, Naedine the North Haven Courier). Ideas included individual interviews with the two forum speakers; an article about electric car ownership (Georgann; solar car ports; Cinemark's new solar array atop its roof (and perhaps a list of all local business with solar and how each has benefited; non-business large solar projects (i.e. All Saints Cemetery); an assessment of how many town residents have solar; a glossary of environmental organizations as resources; how-to-buy better light bulbs (and other low-hanging fruit articles); and the advantages of shutting down vampire power users with a single power strip.

### **Heat Smart Pump Campaign**

All members agreed to review HeatSmart information from Kenny to be ready for a robust discussion at the Dec. 13 task force meeting. He will contact Bernie at PACE (People's Action for Clean Energy) about the status of applying for grant money (\$5,000 to \$25,000). Georgann suggested the campaign begin while it's still cold, perhaps in February.

### **NEXT MEETING**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021 • 7:00PM**  
**NORTH HAVEN RECREATION CENTER**