

NORTH HAVEN CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE

MARCH 14, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

1. Present: Kenny Foscue (Chairman), Hugh Davis, Naedine Hazell, Jim Stenqvist, Georgann Witte (minutes taker)
2. Joint North Haven/Hamden meeting with PACE 3/8: In addition to Hamden Clean Energy Commission members, Bernie Pelletier and Deb Rose from PACE joined this useful meeting. The discussion revealed that there is time and opportunity for collaboration with the Hamden group on a Heat Smart campaign in the coming months. Hamden did receive a Partnership Grant for HES-IE, which helps to cover marketing efforts such as mailings, posters, etc. An RFP for additional grants should come in April, on the Energize CT website. There are 4 types of possible proposals: HES, HES-IE, Heat Pumps, and Grants for working with the business community. We will check the site for these opportunities, as the applications are not too difficult (according to the Hamden group experience)
3. Possible Earth Day Collaboration: Since North Haven will not have a live Earth Day event again this year, we discussed the possibility of joining forces with Hamden, as they will have a big, in - person event. Kenny will reach out to Larry H. (Chairman of the Hamden Commission) to determine if we could be of assistance. We discussed the idea of having a heat pump exhibit at the Earth Day booth/table, and Georgann agreed to contact John Karyczk at UI to explore this possibility.
4. Next Courier Energy Column: The next submission will feature a piece from Jim on heat pumps, then Georgann will submit one on range in electric cars. Kenny suggested adding an anti-idling article to the list that he would write. Naedine will create a Google do to circulate columns and ideas.
5. Legislative Update: Kenny will testify on a bill to promote improved HVAC systems in the public schools. Kenny supported SB176, An Act Concerning Shared Clean Energy Facilities, along with Patrice Gillespie and Bernie Pelletier earlier this month.
6. New Business: We discussed several ideas for publicizing our efforts and finding new avenues to help the Town. One possibility would be to request a booth or exhibit at the upcoming North Haven Fair in September, and then look into the prospects for reserving the Eversource mobile exhibit for this event. Georgann will start this process by contacting the Town Fair organizers. We also will investigate how to obtain an introduction to the Board of Education/North Haven Public Schools – whether by requesting a spot on the agenda for a BoE meeting, or contacting the school district directly. Georgann will make preliminary inquiries. Jim mentioned that a recent report he found, a solar canopy initiative study, suggested that about 37% of the parking lots in the state might be eligible for solar canopy installations. We might explore if any part of

our town would qualify, as a first step toward developing a plan to promote this solution to increase renewable energy resources locally.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

NORTH HAVEN RECREATION CENTER OR ZOOM

Georgann Witte