

**Clean Energy Task Force**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 18, 2015

Location: City of Middletown  
Municipal Building  
Room 208

Re: City of Middletown  
Clean Energy Task Force  
Meeting No. 110

Attendees: Jennifer Kleindienst  
Jeff Pugliese  
Larry Chatfield  
Tom Serra  
David Bauer  
Augie DeFrance  
John Hall

Absent: Dmitri D'Alesandro  
Peter Staye  
Audrey J. Scotti

John Greeno, New England Conservation Services  
Paul Weaver, New England Conservation Services  
Raquel Kennedy, Victory Solutions

Bob Dobmeier, Staff

Tina Gomes, Staff

The meeting opened at 12:35 P.M. The minutes for the February 18, 2015 Clean Energy Task Force meeting were approved unanimously, with Jeff Pugliese abstaining and Tom Serra and David Bauer not present for this vote.

There were no members of the public present for comment.

Jennifer Kleindienst opened up the meeting by welcoming John Greeno and Raquel Kennedy back to the task force for updates on statewide programs that we have been involved in or some new ones that other communities are currently doing. John and Raquel noted that it is tough finding qualified individuals who are willing to enter the trade and they are working with technical high schools throughout the state on this issue. They would be happy to meet with our area VOAG, public or technical high schools to promote this type of work. They also reported that they have accumulated almost \$4,000 in returns for the tree planting fund, based on more than 150 HES projects since last April. The HES and insulation programs are still in place but becoming stagnant and CEFIA and CL&P/Eversource are looking at new programs for residents and business owners. They would still be willing to contribute to some type of community organization, similar to the tree fund, for future projects, whatever they may be. They would like to reach out to the small business community with more emphasis than in the past, offering low interest loans,

on-bill financing, rebates and other potential incentives. Discussion also took place on sending out future letters and the city recommending or partnering with both of their firms on future projects. This is done statewide and the utility companies and CEFIA have vetted all of the contractors that perform this work. More investigation is necessary to make sure that this complies with current City purchasing, procurement and professional service policies. John and Raquel both agreed to help promote the state insulation program at a future public event, such as the Riverfront Festival or any of the Earth Day/Month events locally. In addition, a possible workshop could be set up at the DeKoven House to promote these activities in the coming months.

John Hall gave a brief update on the projects that he has been working on that includes the purchase of RECs by the City for this year and the High School fuel cell upgrades. Nothing new or substantial has changed since the last task force meeting on these topics. John will continue to keep the task force updated on these two items.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 P.M. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2015, to be held at the Municipal Building at 12:30 PM.

Submitted for approval by:



Robert J. Dobmeier  
Dep. Director of Public Works