

Clean Energy Task Force  
Meeting Minutes

Date: August 19, 2014

Location: City of Middletown  
Municipal Building  
Room 208

Re: City of Middletown  
Clean Energy Task Force

Attendees:	Jennifer Kleindienst	Absent:	Audrey Scotti
	Dmitri D'Alessandro		John Hall
	Larry Chatfield		Tom Serra
	David Bauer		Judy Yoder
	Jeff Pugliese		
	Augie DeFrance		
	John Hall		

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. The minutes of the May 20, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

David Bauer commented that Jody Yoder was leaving the position at the board of education and the person replacing her should be asked about serving on the task force.

Jen Kleindienst talked about the future of the CETF. She said she and John Hall drafted a letter to the Mayor suggesting the task force take a break. She said she is meeting with the Mayor after this meeting and wanted to hear from the group as to how to move forward. She said she and John Hall also met with David Goldberg from Direct Energy Solar before the meeting and wanted to bring up the idea of a solarize-like program to the mayor.

Members all felt it was important to fill the staff position that John Hall left. John Hall felt it was vitally important to have someone to keep track of the energy consumption. There is a lot of money to be saved, but someone needs to track it.

Jen Kleindienst asked what exactly members were willing to do. She felt that the task force liked to talk about things but didn't have time to do a lot. Augie DeFrance agreed. He said his strength was in reviewing things, but he was too busy to commit to weekend or night activities.

Larry Chatfield felt the biggest issue right now was to get a replacement for the energy coordinator position.

Jeff Pugliese suggested meeting quarterly . He questioned whether the group needed to meet every month. Larry Chatfield felt the task force had accomplished a lot, but most of it was the "low hanging fruit". Now, all the simple projects have been done and it is more complicated to get anything accomplished.

John Hall felt more work could be done to reach out to the business community and city departments.

Dmitri D'Alessandro arrived at 1:12 p.m.

Jeff Pugliese left at 1:15 pm.

Jen Kleindienst reported on the Solarize Wesleyan project. She said 100 people showed interest. Less than 10 people signed up. She felt that the way it was set up, to make people go on a website and bid on a house was not working well. She said she and John Hall were going to meet with Go Solar to discuss the Middletown program. It is possible to offer this program to Middletown residents but it does require a lot of legwork.

John Hall thought this was a good idea, but he felt the task force with its current membership was more inclined to be successful on a municipal level as opposed to going to door to door to inform people. He felt more people needed to be involved to move some of these ideas forward. He said he also knew the Mayor has some ideas in mind. He and Jen were planning on meeting with the Mayor to see what his thoughts were and then they will bring what they learn back to the Task Force.

Jen Kleindienst discussed the CT Green Bank award and CIRCA Matching grant. She said proposals have to be submitted if there is interest. Members talked about a light bulb swap and suggested we reach out to the girl scouts or boy scouts. Dmitri D'Alessandro said he would send an email out.

David Bauer made and John Hall seconded a motion not to meet in September or October. All members voted in favor.

John Hall made and Larry Chatfield seconded a motion to adjourn at 1:55pm. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim O'Rourke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "K" and "O".

Kim O'Rourke  
Recycling Coordinator