



**City of Middletown**  
**CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2026, 5:30 PM**  
**ROOM 208 MUNICIPAL BUILDING & WEBEX**

**Members Present:** John Giuliano, Emily Gorlewski, Jonathan Hogan, Vincent Loffredo, Andrew Plotkin, Krishna Winston

**Members Absent:** Jonathan Pulino, Ray Lumpkin, Catherine Young

**Staff:** Lisa Liesener

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by E. Gorlewski at 5:35 PM. It was established that a quorum was present.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

V. Loffredo moved and K Winston seconded approval of the minutes of the January meeting. J. Hogan asked for a correction: he had been present at that meeting as was omitted from the list of members present. With that correction noted, the minutes were approved.

**III. Public Comment**

None.

**IV. Ongoing Business**

**A. 911 and Macdonough Building Committees**

J. Giuliano advised the Task Force that both Building Committees would be meeting soon; he promised to report on the deliberations. L Liesener noted that the architects chosen for the 911 Center project had manifested a strong focus on sustainability and would be designing a well-insulated building. V. Loffredo stressed the importance of the Task Force's receiving regular updates from its representatives, who should also convey the Task Force's priorities to the building committees.

**B. Update on Solar Canopies at Beman Middle School**

A. Plotkin reported that he had still not succeeded in getting an appointment with Marco Gaylord. L. Liesener offered to ask the Mayor to intercede.

**C. Fuel Cell at Middletown High School**

L. Liesener reported that she had found information on the Constellation Energy contract. It had been written for 10 years, now expiring. The City could choose to purchase the system, which would be costly, or extend the contract for five years. K. Winston asked whether the contract could be modified to reduce the surplus in the amount of energy the City had committed to purchase. Whatever decision was made would have budgetary implications for the upcoming fiscal year.

**D. HeatSmart Program**

In the absence of Kristen Colombo, L. Liesener reported that seven or eight property owners were signed up for the “Future-Proof Your Rental Property” session scheduled for Feb. 19 at the Community Health Center.

**E. Clean Energy Action Center**

The Task Force discussed the Thermal Energy Networks for CT (TEN4CT) group established by PACE. K. Winston asked J. Hogan whether he would be interested in becoming involved, to which he answered in the affirmative, noting that Chicago and Philadelphia were establishing such networks. A. Plotkin said he was interested as well.

**F. Updating of the 2019 Middletown Energy Plan**

L. Liesener said she had not yet put together a working group. J. Hogan said he was willing to be involved.

**G. EV Chargers in the Melilli and Marino Lots**

L. Liesener reported that the chargers in the Melilli Lot would be operational soon. Installation of the chargers in the Marino Lot was being held up by the wintry conditions. She had been disappointed to learn that the chargers would operate at only 6.2 kW, no higher than the old chargers they were replacing. She had hoped for 12 kW. A. Plotkin commented that most of the Level 2 chargers at Wesleyan produced 19 kW.

**V. New Business**

V. Loffredo informed the Task Force that the Wesley and Spencer Schools had been selected to receive new roofs. The BoE would have to issue an RFP on what was estimated to be a \$100,000 project. In order to serve on the building committee, the members of the existing committee, which he chaired, would have to be newly appointed and sworn in. Due to irregularities in other municipalities, the State was tightening procedures on school projects for which it would be assuming substantial portions of the cost. L. Liesener noted that she had seen a \$9,000 bill for Wesley School’s December use of electricity—way out of line with other schools’ costs. V. Loffredo commented that putting solar panels on new school roofs made good environmental and fiscal sense. J. Hogan offered to help L. Liesener with tracking such data, an offer she accepted gratefully.

**VII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, K. Winston moved to adjourn, seconded by V. Loffredo. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Krishna Winston  
Secretary pro tem