

Draft Hartford Energy Commission minutes
June 16, 2022

Present in person: Lynn Bohj; Dana Clawson, staff

Present virtually: Molly Smith, Ashton Todd, Jesse Pollard; Shylo Grace

Molly called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

Minutes: Molly moved and Jesse seconded that the May minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Guest Shylo introduced herself. She is interested in architectural engineering and attending VTC. HEC briefly introduced ourselves to her.

Trailblazers: HEC had talked in May about delaying the program until the fall. Chuck Fenton was contacted about this and said starting early 2023 would work too. The Selectboard is looking for projects to use the ARPA funding on. Lynn sent the May minutes to Mary Erdei. Mary shared the idea with Tracy, who seemed favorably inclined. Next week the Selectboard will send out a community survey asking for ideas for ARPA finds. On July 12, the Selectboard will review residents' ideas. Molly will invite Chuck Fenton to the July HEC meeting where a subcommittee will be discussed and hopefully formed. Dana will look into the seed grant to see if it might also be used.

Block Party: CAST had a table, which had many visitors.

Bylaws: HEC has voted to revise our bylaws to allow non-residents to become members, as long as the majority of members are residents. The Selectboard needs to approve the change. July 12 is a possible date for this to happen.

VLS webinar: Vermont Law School is holding a webinar on July 27 from 6:00 to 7:00pm. The topic is community carbon reduction. All are welcome.

Christian Street parcel two: This is owned by the School District. Jesse is in conversation with the Superintendent and two School Board members about possible solar on the parcel. The District is thinking of using it as an environmental center for students. The two uses are compatible.

Subcommittees

Building Integrity and Energy Efficiency: Jessica, our Window-dresser (WD) contact, has been promoted to Executive Director. There will be a replacement. The Measuring Team is in the process of being trained. Low Income outreach is on hold. There are 227 inserts ordered so far.

Transportation: the EV guide is finished. It should be at the printer on June 21. It may come in under budget. Molly showed HEC an electronic version.

CAST: HEC has the priorities for three members. In the July meeting, the group will look at the priorities and choose ten top items, and perhaps ten second tier items.

HEC Herald: July articles will announce the EV Guide in detail; an article about hemp and how it stresses the grid, written by a VLS student; and Ashton will work on energy independence, including what it takes to live off grid.

EAN: the Energy Action Network sent out a RFP asking for ideas for presentation at the autumn summit. There was one about Renter Weatherization that Lynn will participate in the group to form the plan. The information was sent to HEC after this meeting.

UNH: University of New Hampshire has summer interns who will work with Dana on carbon accounting in Hartford.

July schedule: Trailblazers, CAP priorities.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bohi, Clerk