

Hartford Energy Commission minutes

April 24, 2024

Present in person; Lynn Bohi; Dana Clawson, staff, Richard Otis at 5:29

Present virtually: Laura Simon, Jesse Pollard, Esme Cole, Sarah Kelly; Gabriel Becken, Pranav Kanav, Dartmouth Energy Alliance

Jesse called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

Public comment: Gabriel and Pranav said they came to hear about HEC activities to figure out how they might be involved.

Minutes: Due to internet problems, the minutes were postponed to May.

Coordinator's Report

- Parks and Rec purchased electric equipment with Climate Action Funds. Dana asked Green Mountain Power if there is an incentive or rebate. GMP created one and the Town will receive \$1300.
- WABA had an energy audit last Friday. There were some problems. But, working with the schematics, the ideas started flowing about how to tighten the building. There were separate blower door tests for the heated and cold areas. There were a lot of air bypasses identified during the blower door tests.
- Nature Conservancy will start soon. They will meet with people to explore strengths and weaknesses in the facing climate change as well as looking at the plans in place. There will be a public meeting in November. Dana has a copy of the Lebanon report. This process should be helpful with the hazard mitigation plan due next year. There will be an organizing team. Jeremy from DPW has said he will be on the team.
- Sink holes have been appearing all over town, Perhaps the Dartmouth students can geo locate the holes.
- Window Dressers is moving forward.
- VLCT held a meeting about open meeting law. It is available on line for those who missed it. It was mentioned that there can be no changes to the agenda at the meeting. Changes must be warned 48 hours prior to the meeting.
- There was a resilience planning meeting. It identified statewide issues in resilience and climate change.
- Every month the Selectboard will hear a report from a committee. HEC will be in September.

Information flyer and website: The ¼ card made in 2018 had one event for HEC's first ten years and a bit of a description of HEC. There is MERP money to publicize ourselves. A subcommittee with CAST and HEC members will be formed to produce new articles to inform the public of HEC and CAST activities. The website can also have new additions. Sarah will contact the Cartoon College to ask if they would like to be involved. If yes, HEC can pay CCS. This will be voted on, if necessary, in May. The committee volunteers are: Sarah, Jesse, Laura, Lynn. They will meet May 9 at 5pm.

Bylaws Update: Dana is updating HEC bylaws and CAST is producing bylaws. The bylaws say HEC has 5 to 7 members and the charter says 7. The residency requirement needs looking into. Should HEC require a potential member to attend one meeting prior to applying to join.

Thermal district: the bill is moving in the legislature. It will be added to the PUC bill. It is in Ways and Means then goes to the House floor. It is S.305.

UV Energy Fair: There were 20 participants and presenters. It would be good to have more ways to get people involved: door to door, school presentation, hybrid events, have tables plus break out meetings or bring a bike to show people how much physical activity it takes to charge a phone.

Vital Communities said they will not have an energy fair in the fall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bohi, clerk

Jesse Pollard, 2024

Lynn Bohi. 2024

Laura Simon 2025

Esme Cole 2025

Sarah Kelly 2026

Richard Otis 2026