

## Draft Climate Action Steering Team minutes

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Present in person: Laura Simon; Dana Clawson, staff

Present virtually: John Reid, Jesse Pollard (5:22), Jen Durgin; Nadim Kassir, guest

Meeting called to order at 5:22pm.

Public comment: None

Minutes: Lack of quorum at the start of the meeting prevented this and it wasn't revisited.

### Coordinator's Report:

- Window Dresser's Build will happen October 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> and will take place at the VFW building in White River Junction. They are still looking for one more male measurer.
- Dana attended the New England Municipal Sustainability conference and met with his peers from across New England.
- Hartford is going to receive technical assistance on the proposed White River Junction geo-thermal project from the Department of Energy through the Communities 2 Communities program. We will be matched with an expert from the Oak Ridge National Library. The initial meeting will take place next week to discuss the scope of work that will be performed.
- Concepts NREC had approached the Town about partnering on a Department of Energy grant. They had proposed pursuing funding for a system that they would design to heat municipal waste, turn it into plasma, and use the heat to generate electricity for transportation. After a couple of meetings Concepts NREC has decided that this project would be cost prohibitive.
- There was a recent tour of the Public Safety Building with the Selectboard. A contract with Chris Hebb to help design, create an RFP, and commission additional heat pumps at this facility was recently signed.
- During the heat wave on June 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> the Bugbee Senior Center, Hartford, Quechee, and West Hartford Libraries acted as cooling centers. This ran smoothly and a number of people took advantage of these sites. Dana is trying to get the numbers on how many people used these sites.
- Starting in July, board, committee, and commission members will be eligible to receive a \$50 stipend for each meeting they attend. CAST will need to develop bylaws to make members eligible.
- Vermont Adult Learning will be holding a OSHA, weatherization, and heat pump training at the Hartford Area Career and Technical Center July 22<sup>nd</sup> -August 8<sup>th</sup>. Participant will be eligible to receive OSHA and EPA certifications and a \$1,000 stipend.

Foam Recycling: Jen Durgin is spearheading a Styrofoam recycling day. It will take place at the Mascoma Bank on August 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am. Rain date is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Combining CAST with Resilient Hartford: John is concerned about Resilient Hartford's lack of a quorum and thinks CAST should be involved with the updating of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Clawson