

Hartford Energy Commission minutes

August 22, 2024

Present in person: Esme Cole, Jesse Pollard, Lynn Bohi, Richard Otis: Dana Clawson, staff; guests Erik Francis, Tad Montgomery

Present virtually: Sarah Kelly; guest Beth Ann Malow

Jesse called the meeting to order at 5: 06.

Public Comment : Beth introduced herself as a new applicant for CAST who lives in Quechee. She is curious to hear about HEC activities.

Minutes: Richard moved and Esme seconded that the draft July minutes be approved as presented. The motion passed 4 yes, 1 absent, 1 abstain.

Coordinator's Report:

- Grant for level 2 chargers: \$36,000 from the grant plus \$9000 from Green Mountain Power will pay for two level 2 chargers in the South Main Street parking lot. V Trans has also put out an RFP for level 3 chargers. Hartford is labeled as a transportation hub so is in line to get eight level 3 chargers from the state.
- Vermont Adult Learning training: The training for fourteen students to learn about weatherization and heat pump installation is complete. VAL would like to hold another weatherization training in Hartford from October 21 to 31.
- Vermont Energy code advisory committee has been formed to encourage builders to comply with RBES and CBES codes and to inform customers about rebates.
- MERP: The two level 2 audits have been completed. The report should be back to Hartford by September 3.

Window dressers: Beth had an idea. Since many of the volunteers are climate active, they could talk to people to see what they know about rebates for electrification. Beth has handouts which she will bring when she volunteers.

Substation tour: Green Mountain Power will lead the tour. It is being proposed for Friday, August 30 at 4:00pm.

Directions to follow.

Nature Conservancy: This is the SWOT analysis with report that HEC has been discussing. There will be a meeting of around 30 people in November to discuss resiliency and hazard mitigation. Dana emailed the Lebanon report and the kind of people they hope to hear from at the meeting. HEC can fill out the TNC questionnaires.

Maps by Dartmouth: This will be a pilot project done by Dartmouth students to map culverts, landslides and perhaps other issues which the students find as they walk various areas. The maps will have several layers. FEMA maps will be ready in early 2026.

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Public outreach: The points proposed need to be completed. The CCS student will do a graphic for each topic. The details of paying the artist need to be looked into.

Just Transition workshop: A New England project, comprised of Vermont Law and Graduate School, University of Maine, and University of Massachusetts, will cover topics such as electrifying homes and Net Zero housing will be presented September on Friday, the 27 and Saturday the 28th at the Irving Building at Dartmouth. There will be many sessions. The number of attendees is limited to 60.

Window Dressers: Volunteers are needed. <https://tinyurl.com/windowdressers>.

Selectboard : remember to sign up if you want to be reimbursed for meetings. Also, ideas about what to present to SB on September 17, if you have them, send to Dana.

District heat: Dave Briggs is moving forward. Oak Ridge Nation Lab is meeting with Hartford and will perform a site analyses and provide basic cost estimates. Efficiency Vermont will also be there. Laura sent a note about geothermal in schools and funding.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Bohi, Clerk

Jesse Pollard 2024 December
Laura Simon 2025

Lynn Bohi 2024 September
Sarah Kelly 2026

Esme Cole 2025
Richard Otis 2026