

Draft Hartford Energy Commission minutes

October 24, 2024

Present in Person: Jesse Pollard, Lynn Bohi, Esme Cole, Richard Otis; guest Anna Gunther; staff Dana Clawson

Present virtually: Srah Kelly, Laura Simon; guests Jen Durgin, Lee Michaelides, both from CAST; Pranav Kannadikar, Tad Montgomery

Jesse called the meeting to order at 5: 02pm.

Public comments: Pranav has been working with Dana. CAST had talked about issue which also involve HEC.

Minutes: Richard moved and Esme seconded that the September minutes pass as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Coordinator's report:

- Upper Valley Adaptation Working group involves many organizations. A N.H. regional planning Commission wants to figure out how to adapt to climate change by connecting with many groups concerned with the issue. There will be a lunch meeting at Kilton Library on Friday, November 8 from noon to 2:00pm.
- REV conference was very corporate with discussions about transmission lines and that solar net metering will be ending over the next two years.
- Geothermal work: Oak Ridge is progressing. They have modelled three of the four buildings, especially the Hotel Coolidge. For just the Gates-Briggs building, 60 wells twenty feet apart and 300 feet deep are needed.
- Dana toured the Public Safety building. While they have heat pumps, they are investigating more. Two vendors are interested. The United States is behind Europe in using older versions of heat pumps by 2-3 versions.
- Level 3 chargers: this is federal funding via V Trans. The Town role is to name a site. The bids went in two weeks ago. Three vendors applied and the decision will be in one week.
- Level 2 chargers we got the grants, but are changing vendors.
- Vermont Adult Learning training about weatherization is canceled due to low participation.
- The Chamber of Commerce is thinking Hartford could be a hub for trade mentorship.
- Climate Reserve fund will provide for two powerwalls at Bugbee. Are there other projects? Maybe bikes or E bikes or bike storage and/or charging areas. Signs for the new bike lanes or a map of bike routes.
- Community Resilience from Nature Conservancy: An invitation list is being prepared. It is hoped to have the meeting in Wilder Library and Community Center on Thursday November 20 or early in December. The Nature Conservancy will decide based on when facilitators can attend. There is a limit of 28 attendees. Vital Communities has funds for stipends, childcare and food. The goal is to identify two or three items for the hazard mitigation plan update to focus on

HEC members should re-read the Climate Action Plan to name 2-3 items for HEC to work on.

Dartmouth map project: The group has surveyed all the culverts on the Pomfret Road. Do community people want to accompany the students? Resilient Hartford members will be invited. The group will be surveying four times in the next two weeks.

Window Dressers made 175 inserts with 75 volunteers for 30 households.

Trunk or Treat is Saturday, October 26 from 4-6 pm. Volunteers are welcome to give out candy.

HEC elections will be in November.

Outreach flyer was worked on by all with changes being made on screen for all to see. How or who could format it was discussed: CANVA program or Cartoon School.

Next meeting Dana will talk about progress of the RBES/CBES energy code commission.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Lynn Bohi, Clerk

Jesse Pollard December 2024

Esme Cole 2025

Laura Simon 2025

Sarah Kelly 2026

Richard Otis 2026

Lynn Bohi 2027