

Draft Hartford Energy Commission minutes

October 23, 2025

Priorities:

Hazardous Materials: Culvert Crawlers Education & Town Involvement: EV Expo, block party

Municipal Ops: Wastewater treatment Geothermal: Hotel Coolidge: technology, logistics

Present in person: Jesse Pollard, Esme Cole, Richard Otis, Laura Simon, Lynn Bohi; guests- Eric Francis, Tad Montgomery, Ben Fletcher: Ida Grismore, Selectboard Liaison, Dana Clawson, staff

Present virtually: Sherry Bouchart

Jesse called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

Public Comments: Ben is here to observe.

Minutes: Laura moved and Richard seconded the September minutes be approved as submitted, noting the dates are not correct for terms. Motion was approved unanimously.

Coordinator's Report:

- There is a problem with Town Hall heat and power phase monitor.
- HEC elections will be in November
- VECAN conference is November 1. Register soon. It is at Lake Morey.
- The cell tower back up power for Public Safety needs to be replaced. A tesla battery powerwall is being looked into for two different locations.
- A contract for an architect for WABA is being worked on. Several years ago, there was an audit paid for with MERP funds. However, there was no cost estimate, since ice rinks are unique and costly. The master plan for WABA may well be around \$10,000.
- Window Dressers assembly is complete. There were 157 new inserts created and some re-wraps done.
- Dana attended the ANR Municipal Day. Topics included: Climate Action Plans, tools for climate planning, a bond bank, and an upcoming project to help culvert washouts which FEMA will not fund. Hartford was called out for our Climate Action Plan. Dana will try to work with ANR about a capital improvement plan and climate related threat multiplier.
- Air quality monitoring will be done by the state. They are looking for towns and sites for the monitors.

- EAN summit is November 4 in Bolton. Sign up.
- Trunk or Treat: HEC will not have a table, due to not enough members available.

EV Event round up: Ther paper work will go in tomorrow. Checks should be sent Wednesday to Thursday. More money, \$870.00, came in than was expected. HEC last month voted to split the overage with Lebanon 60%/40%. Sherry talked about the Lebanon E-bike project. They applied for an AARP grant for downtown Lebanon, but did not get the grant. They do have a site for chargers at Ledyard School. The New Hampshire chapter of AARP may give them \$3000. They have already raised \$2000. Laura moved and Richard seconded that HEC disburse 60% of the profits to the Friends of Lebanon Recreation, Arts, and Parks. Esme moved and Richard seconded to amend the language to strike “profits” and replace it with “revenues after disbursal”. The motion passed unanimously.

EV for Hartford: Are there incremental steps for bikes and Ebikes? Safe places for bike racks and chargers need to be identifies, given the recent thefts. Talk to Eli Hecht at the Upper Valley Food Coop, since he is with 350.org.

The meeting adjourned at 5:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bohi , Clerk

After meeting note: 3 HEC members and several public members walked downtown to look for safe sites for bikes, They will report back in November.

Esme Cole October 2025

Laura Simon December 2025 Sarah Kelly 2026

Richard Otis 2026

Cathy Geiger 2027

Lynn Bohi 2027

Jesse Pollard 2027