

Draft Hartford Energy Commission minutes

November 20, 2025

Present in person: Richard Otis, Cathy Geiger, Laura Simon, Lynn Bohi, Jesse Pollrd; Dana Clawson, staff, Ida Greismer, Selectboard

Present virtually: Esme Cole

Jesse called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

There was no public comment.

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

Coordinator's report: There were 10 people from Hartford at VECAN.

- EAN: featured the Vermont Climate progress booklet
- Batteries installed: One in West Hartford and the contract for two for the emergency cell towers will be signed soon. Tesla batteries for homes are available at \$5,500 or \$55 per month on your Green Mountain Power bill.
- Bugbee committee: The committee is coming toward consensus. Dana met today with a HVAC contractor. Bugbee is the most used cooling center in town. There is a left over generator.
- WABA ice rink: An architect from Connecticut looked at the rink and will provide a draft version of their master plan soon. One question is ;can it be a cooling center.
- Hazardous Mitigation Plan update: Dana is getting a team together. The Planning Commission is working on what needs to be done. The deadline for a draft is January. The final deadline is March 18, 2026.
- CAST: The Climate Action Plan has a goal that Hartford Town buildings will be carbon neutral by 2027. If not met, Hartford must buy offsets for the overage. The usage was measured three years ago. How often should this be measured?

Elections: Laura moved a slate of Jesse for Chair, Lynn for Clerk, and Esme for Vice Chair. Cathy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

EV Expo: 60% of the revenues after disbursal went to LEAC and 40% went to HEC. After the October meeting three members went downtown and found 3 bike racks. There was a 2012 grant to install racks at Briggs Park, Veteran's Park and Twon Hall. Also Bugbee has a rack. Other town staff is working on racks. Additionally, Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission has a study of bike racks and other items and will be writing a grant request. If received, perhaps the revenues after disbursal from the EV Expo could be used for the town

match. Cathy volunteered to talk to Lebanon about how and what they have done and are doing. HEC could think about covered racks. West Hartford library could use a covered rack. Perhaps the Wilder Park & Ride could use a rack. HEC will come back to the topic in three months.

Habit for Humanity: is building a house on Latham Works Lane. They want to have a community and insulation day to train others in best practices. Would HEC like to sponsor? Laura moved that HEC sponsor the event. Richard and Esme seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Engagement: The ad hoc working group should meet in mid December. JD Hawks should be invited.

Futtrue: Should HEC, CAST and Reliant Hartford meet? Future action will be looked into.

At 6:10, HEC lost quorum.

The HEC annual report for the Town Meeting Report is due December 15.

Respectfully submitted.

Lynn Bohi, Clerk.