

July 17, 2024 CAST Minutes

Present: John Reid, Dana Clawson, Lee Michaelides, Jen Durgin, Laura Simon
Guest: Nadim Kassir, Beth Ann Malow

No public comments. Minutes for June meeting were approved without changes.

Coordinator's Report: Demand during the heat wave for cooling centers in town was reported.

The PowerWall at the West Hartford Library still needs permits before installation. Dana proposed a future agenda item: a motion to use climate action funds to install a PowerWall in the Bugbee Center. Work continues on the downtown geothermal plan. Hartford has been identified as one of 14 sites in Vermont for an EV charger paid for by federal funds. This package could secure about \$600,000 in funds. Window Dressers will happen in October 4-9 at the VFW. Vermont Clean Cities Coalition has identified Hartford as a possible location for a big rig charging station.

Styrofoam Collection: The event will take place on August 24 from 9AM to 11AM at the Mascoma Bank Parking lot on Sykes Ave. Jen Durgin is preparing public announcements. The event needs volunteers between 8:30 to 11:30. Rain date is Sept 7.

Bylaws: John Reid asked about the next step to get SB approval on Sept 17. Dana will send the current draft of the bylaws to CAST members. A vote for approval by CAST will take place at the August meeting. John suggested a revision to the draft bylaws cap CAST membership at 7 people.

Hazard Mitigation Plan: Hartford's deadline for a revised plan is spring 2026. CAST and Resilient Hartford will both be involved in the process.