

August 21, 2024 CAST Minutes

Present: John Reid, Lee Michaelides, Jen Durgin, Laura Simon; Dana Clawson, staff.

Guests: Nadim Kassir, Beth Ann Malow

Approve July Minutes; Jen made a motion to approve July minutes, Laura seconded the motion, minutes were approved unanimously.

Public chargers in Hartford. VTrans has put out an RFP to vendors to install at minimum four Level 3 charging ports in White River Junction. Four vendors have approached the Town and are exploring installing Level 3 chargers in the South Main St. Parking lot.

Hartford is receiving \$36,000 from the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment grant and \$9,000 in rebates from Green Mountain Power to install 7 level 2 chargers in the South Main St parking lot.

Sarah Kelly of Energy Commission proposed a culvert assessment and mapping project with Dartmouth students. Sarah and her colleagues Eric Osterberg and Christopher Sneddon met recently with Dana, Lori Hirschfield, Matt Osborn, and Chris Howlzwarth to discuss the project which is scheduled to start this fall.

14 students participated in the workforce development heat pump and weatherization training program. A second session focused on weatherization will take place in the last two weeks of October.

White River geo-thermal project will receive 40-60 hours of technical consulting from the Oak Ridge National Lab. ORNL will perform load calculations for downtown buildings, an assessment of the land available for boreholes downtown, and provide a rough cost estimate.

Dana joined the Vermont State Energy code advisory committee. Vermont's goal is to have a net zero energy code by 2030. This group is crating recommendations for increasing compliance with Vermont's Residential Building Energy Standard.

Styrofoam Collection is happening Saturday August 24th Jen says the transfer station already collected a large amount of foam. Hartford will do it again in Fall of 2025. Plan is to ask for donations on Saturday. Donations will be kept in a Town account. Lebanon has found that donations at the collection site funded the next collection.

Window dressers: Beth Ann proposed speaking with and giving handouts to participants about electrification options. Her idea is to ask the participants to promote electrification to their personal networks. Lee proposed giving similar materials to area realtors. John suggested putting the materials on the listserve and other social media.

Community Resilience Building workshop with the Nature Conservancy has openings for 17 more participants.

Selectboard Presentation on Sept 17. Goal is to outline budget priorities. Dana is waiting for data for building upgrades. Hope to get bylaws passed that night.