

September 18, 2024 CAST Minutes

Present: John Reid, Dana Clawson, Lee Michaelides,
Public: Nadim Kassir

Postponed approving August minutes- no quorum;

WRJ has been identified as a charge hub by the state, meaning there is state money for up to 8 fastcharging units. Three companies have identified as bidders by VTrans. The winning bidder will be announced in mid-October. The charging company will then pay the town to lease downtown parking spaces. Oak Ridge Labs staff met with Dana about the downtown geothermal building project. The project would need 64 bore holes 20 feet apart just to heat and cool the Gates building.

Municipal Energy Resilience Program: Changes to state policy now qualifies Hartford to apply for a \$500K grant to update the DPW building and the ice rink. John, Jesse and Dana presented to the Selectboard on Sept 17. The take-away? There is a great need to inform the public and the current board about the goals of the climate plan. CAST needs to come up with items to be funded in the next fiscal year.

Question for CAST: Will CAST take on responsibility for future Styrofoam collections? The August collection took more material than originally expected. Filled 3 trucks and a 12 foot trailer. Moving ahead Hartford may look at getting a grant to purchase a machine to process the foam because it isn't very efficient to drive three trucks of mostly air. Will discuss in the October meeting.

Window Dressers takes place Oct 3-9. Date for October meeting will be changed to October 23. Vermont Adult Learning will have training for weatherization in Hartford at the town hall.

Select Board approved the bylaws. CAST can amend. We will discuss and ratify at the Oct meeting. Nadim suggested the current line about non-residents be corrected.