

October 23, 2024 CAST Minutes

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

Public: Nadim Kassir; Guest.

Approved August 2024 and September 2024 Minutes

Coordinator Update: Work continues on the geothermal project in downtown WRJ. Dana is sending the power bills for the buildings to Oak Ridge for modeling. Funding is available for heat pumps at the Public Safety Building. The vendor for South Main EV chargers will be announced on Oct 25. A grant for level 2 chargers in the parking lot will cover 75 percent of cost. Adult weatherization training program was cancelled for lack of enrollment. Work continues on getting a group assembled for The .Nature Conservancy's Community Resilience Building Workshop.

Bylaws: Jen made a motion to approve bylaws. Bylaws passed unanimously.

Budget Request: John asked that money be appropriated for CAST members to attend educational programs. Dana says that he has an energy budget to fund those things as well as the climate reserve funds and grants. CAST will not make a budget request for 2025.

Public Outreach: John suggested the hazard mitigation report should be made public. Dana says a trifold brochure is in the works for the energy commission that can help in this area. It was agreed that the past usage of the climate reserve fund should be publicized.

Styrofoam Recycling: Momentum is building for a local Styrofoam processing machine and not relying on the Guilford, NH facility. Jen visited a foam machine in Lyndonville and would like to meet with local officials on how to get a machine here.

Window Dressers: 175 inserts were made for 35 homes. Beth felt the lunch was a good time to pass along additional info on insulation and rebates. Beth would like to continue to work on community outreach and education.

Bugbee Power Wall: Dana reported that Climate Action Reserve Funds may be used for the power wall at Bugbee. Dana is researching how long the power will last during an outage based on past power demand at the building. John made a motion to approve spending up to \$11K from the Climate Action Fund to study and install the power wall in Bugbee. Motion passed unanimously. (By letting the GMP use the Powerwall as a micro-grid during peak demand, GMP will subsidize the project cost.)