

Hartford Climate Action Steering Team
Wednesday January 15th 2025 - 5:00pm-6:00pm
Minutes

Present in person: Dana Clawson; staff

Present virtually: John Reid, Jen Durgin, Beth Malow, Laura Simon, Nadim Kassir; Guest John called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

Minutes: Laura moved and Jen seconded that the December minutes pass as presented. Unanimous vote in favor of adopting the minutes.

Public comment: none

Coordinator's report:

The Selectboard voted in favor of the Town Manager signing a site host agreement with Norwich Technologies for the Town to host 8 level 3 chargers in the South Main St. Parking lot.

Dana is setting up energy standard trainings with Efficiency Vermont. There will be a training for the Planning Commission and builders on the Commercial Building Energy Standard and a training for municipal staff and builders on the Residential Building Energy Standard. These training will likely take place in February or March.

Conservation Commission 's environmental mix & mingle :

The Conservation Commission will again hold a mix & mingle for groups working on environmental issues in Hartford. This years event will take place on Friday March 7th Both the Climate Actions Steering Team and the Hartford Energy Commission have been invited to present.

Geo-thermal- Oak Ridge National Labs findings:

Oakridge National Laboratory is wrapping up their assessment of White River Junction for a networked geothermal heating district. Oakridge has found that a district heating system in feasible in White River Junction and estimate that the system itself (not including upgrades to buildings) would cost around 6 million dollar.

Green Mountain Power Weatherization Plan:

John talked about an article highlighting Green Mountain Powers resiliency plan in communities that frequently experience power outages. Dana said that he has spoken with GMP about this program and they have told him that Hartford is not a high priority because power outages are pretty uncommon in the area.

Green Communities Catalyst Proposal:

John and Laura talked about the Green Communities Catalyst Program that trains people in resilience and climate issues. They are going to send around information on the program so that we can talk about the program during the February meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:58.