

Feb 19, 2025 CAST Minutes

Present: Dana Clawson, John Reid, Lee Michaelides, Jen Durgin, Beth Malow, Laura Simon

Approved the minutes of Jan 2025

Coordinator's Report: The Presidential transition occurred after the January CAST meeting. The takeaway from the January meeting was that money previously approved by the Biden administration for fast EV chargers within 1 mile of I-91 would be distributed by the Trump administration. Instead, those funds have been frozen. Funding for level 2 chargers will continue because they are non-federal funds. Trail Blazers (a construction trade training program for women) is still being funded. The report about geothermal in downtown WRJ has been completed.

Upcoming

Conservation Commission Mix and Mingle will be held on March 7 at Bugbee.

Lebanon and Hartford will partner for foam collection on April 12. A fall/late summer date for Hartford will be announced.

Nature Conservancy Resilience Report: Lee will work on a one-page summary for publication.

Climate Action Plan: Beth suggests CAST review the plan chapter by chapter at future meeting and discuss. First up is the chapter on Buildings and Energy at the March meeting.