

April 30, 2025 CAST Minutes for Special Meeting

Present: Dana Clawson, John Reid, Lee Michaelides, Jen Durgin, Beth Malow, Laura Simon, Jesse Pollard,
Public: Justin Righter

Lee made a presentation about the Building and Energy Chapter (CAP) of the Climate Action Plan. While reading the chapter he considered John Reid's question (posed a few meeting ago) related to the metrics of success of the CAP. Lee's main point was some goals outlined in the report them were contradictory within the larger report making it difficult for policy makers to measure the success of the CAP. Laura noted that technology has changed since this plan was written. These changes need consideration.

Lee suggested that the primary goals of the Climate Action Plan be simplified so that Hartford's policy makers can work these goals into their work.

To that end, Lee will be draft a memo for discussion at the next meeting about measurable and achievable goals that could help the policy makers establish priorities and communicate the success of those efforts to the greater community.

Jen and Laura suggested that metrics be collected on the energy and CO2 reductions by the Window Dressers Program. They will be leading that effort.

Justin offered to make a presentation to CAST using the latest software modeling brush fire risks. This is a new concern in the Northeast and was a topic of discussion for the community resilience plan update.

Beth urged the CAST membership to look at the 2024 Energy Action Network for Vermont. Here's the link: <https://eanvt.org/2024-annual-report/>

Upcoming:

Beth will present about health at the next meeting

Laura will present on transportation and batteries at the next meeting.