

June 18, 2025 CAST Minutes

Present: Dana Clawson, John Reid, Lee Michaelides, Jen Durgin, Laura Simon, Justin Righter

Approved Minutes of the May 2025 minutes

Coordinator's Report: Still looking for food coordinator for window dressers build. The build will be in Sharon (Oct 2-8) this year. Dana has been doing facilities tours for the SB. CAST members interested in touring the sewer plant should contact Dana.

Styrofoam Collection: Jen applied for \$1000 grant. Will know by Friday if the grant is approved. The Guilford recycling center (where the collected foam goes) is getting overwhelmed. Local citizens are consulting with DPW officials in the UV about getting a recycling machine installed locally. Justin said his employer can provide up to \$500 for community projects run by a nonprofit. Cost for a foam collection run about \$1600. Also looking at grant opportunities from Cassella.

Culvert Crawlers: Dana and Sarah Kelly got a grant to develop a culvert tracking app. App is done. It will be field tested (probably in West Hartford) on July 7 in the afternoon. Test will last for about 2.5 to 3 hours, Anyone interested in taking part in the test, contact Dana.

CAST Newsletter Submission: Updated John's message for the newsletter to be sent to JD

Meeting Procedures: At times CAST digresses into extended discussions of off-agenda items. John asks if we want to extend meetings to be able to fully discuss these issues? Group felt it was better to stick with the 1 hour meeting. If an off agenda topic comes up, it can be added to the regular next meeting or CAST can hold a special meeting.

Climate Plan Goals: Lee did a short presentation on climate goals that CAST can easily track. These metrics could aid the SB in policy-making and be useful in making the public aware of the ongoing efforts in Hartford to reduce greenhouse gasses. Lee will refine his thinking and present at a future meeting.