

August 17, 2025 CAST Minutes

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

Minutes of the July 2025 minutes: Approved

Coordinators Report: Window Dressers is still looking for a food coordinator. Installation of Level 2 chargers in the South Main parking lot starts on Monday August 25. Lee work on Two Rivers slides for John's selectboard presentation.

Styrofoam: Jen has 35 volunteers for the upcoming collection. New England Grassroots Environmental Fund grant will go to the newly formed Hartford Styrofoam Recycling Group, which was essentially created for the grant. A volunteer employed by Casella got Casella to donate two 40 cubic yard boxes and transportation of the boxes to Guilford. There will still be a need to rent U Haul trucks to handle the anticipated volume. Volunteers are needed to accompany the trucks to unload them in Guilford,

Nuclear Power: Braver Angels is hosting about a national debate on nuclear power and climate change that will be chaired by Beth.

Hartford News: JD says he prefers the kind of information CAST wants to publish in the newsletter on the CAST website website . His priority for the newsletter the promotion of upcoming events. Lee will talk to JD about adding links in Hartford News to direct people to websites of various commissions and boards when they add new materials, Justin suggested some sort of ceremony for the charger station opening which would lead to a photo op.

Next Meeting September 17: The main agenda item is a discussion about changes to the state's revised climate action plan that might impact the town's climate action plan. The idea is a topical comparison of the State and Hartford Climate Action Plans. Individual CAST members will lead discussion of individual chapters as follows.

Laura: Transportation and land use.

John : Local food and agriculture.

Justin: Buildings and energy,

Beth: Health and safety

Jen: Waste management

Lee: Water