

October 15, 2025 CAST Minutes

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

Minutes of the August 2025 minutes: Approved (There wasn't a quorum for the September meeting.)

Coordinator's Report: Culvert Crawlers software update may be done next week. There is an option to do another Hartford workday to try the software in the field. John talked about followup to a culvert crawler reporting. John asked if Dartmouth could set up a protocol for using the app. Lee asked about who gets notified if a culvert is flagged as being clogged or failed. Window dressers made 157 inserts and rewrapped another dozen. Parks and Rec signed a contract with an architecture firm to renovate the ice arena. Vermont Climate Action Network annual meeting is November 1.

Styrofoam Recycle Program: 2000 pounds of foam was diverted from the landfill setting a new local record. Organization of the collection was very efficient. Traffic flow worked well. Wait times for drop-offs were short. Casella wants to help for future collections. \$1417 was donated at the event. Lee will draft a letter from CAST to the Valley News about the success of the event.

Hartford Net Zero Cap: The select board passed a resolution that the Hartford infrastructure be net zero by 2027. CAST will look at ways to offset the deficiency. We need an in-person sit-down to do the calculations. Possible date is Nov 10 at 5 PM. We'll look at offsets and the cash cost of the offsets.

Vermont Climate Action Plan: John reported that Hartford's CAP pretty much covered the areas covered in the state report. Justin found the local report to be more comprehensive and more specific than the states. An open question: How can CAST work with other groups towards revising state legislation changed that currently caps community solar.