

Hartford Climate Action Steering Team
Wednesday November 19th 2025 - 5:00pm-6:00pm
Draft Minutes

In Attendance: John Reid, Justin Righter, Jen Durgin, Laura Simon, Jesse Pollard Dana Clawson; staff, Tad Montgomery; guest

John Reid called the meeting to order at 5:04.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Coordinators report: Environmental Sustainability Coordinator reported:

ESC attended the New England Municipal Sustainability Network conference, carbon accounting was a big topic at this conference.

Vermont Climate Action Network annual conference was well attended and 10 people from Hartford attended the event.

FRIAR Architects have begun working on the master plan for making the Wendell A. Barwood Arena more energy efficient. The installation of level 3 chargers is in progress

Organizational vote: Laura Simon proposed John Reid remain chair, Jen Durgin vice chair, & Lee Michaelides clerk. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor of this slate.

Carbon accounting: the ESC will submit an application to Dartmouth for technical assistance in carbon accounting and is looking at getting a fellow for summer 2026 from UNH. A fellow would cost \$8,000 for an undergraduate and \$10,000 for a graduate student. We could use the UNH study of 2020-2023 as a baseline level and the methodology behind it for measuring GHG emissions in 2027.

Carbon offsets: ways to offset and measure Hartford's carbon mitigation/ offsets were discussed, this included tree plantings/ Town forest, solar installations, and weatherization.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00.