

## **CAST Meeting October 19, 2022**

**Present:** Dana Clawson, Staff, Carolyn Hooper (Resilient Hartford 2025), Lee Michaelides (Conservation Commission 2022), Ashton Todd (Energy Commission 2023), Laura Simon (Resilient Hartford 2023)

### **Approved the minutes of October 5, 2002**

**Inflation Reduction Act:** Federal solar tax credit of 30 percent has been extend 10 years. Organizations without a tax liability, such as a non-profit, can sell the credits. There have been requests from solar firms to install panels on town property.

**Catch-up Meeting with Pale Blue Dot:** Dana and Carolyn spoke with Ted about a grant-matrix spreadsheet that matches funding with actionable items. It is a tool to match grants and projects so the stakeholders can take advantage of them. The open question is the advantage of working with Ted as a consultant to help get the matrix set-up and running. Carolyn will demo the energy measuring software adopted by Lebanon.

**Volunteer Grant Writing:** Dana reported that it is okay for volunteers to write grants for town projects, but the volunteers can't administer the grants.

**Hartford Vehicle Database:** Dana is looking for a volunteer to help create an Excel spreadsheet that will include the following fields: town fleet vehicles, suggested replacement date: possible replacement for the vehicle. Ashton offered to help.

**Vermont Council on Rural Development:** Here's a link to what the organization does. <https://www.vtrural.org/programs/climate-economy>

Cast members should get familiar with the organization and we will discuss possible applications at our November 2 meeting.

**Wilder School Project:** Carolyn spoke with the principal of the Wilder School. He loves the idea for the 2024 budget year. Budget planning for 2024 starts in spring 2023. However CAST can start brainstorming ideas now. Carolyn will meet again with him in December. Next step is working the school district. The principal is very interested in partnering with the conservation commission and resilient Hartford. Carolyn will spearhead the effort. She offered to make presentations Conservation Commission and Resilient Hartford.

**Next CAST Meeting is Nov 2.**



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