

Climate Action Steering Team

Meeting Notes

11/23/21

In attendance: Molly Smith, Carolyn Hooper Goetinck, Erik Krauss, Lee Michaelides, Ashton Todd, John Reid, Laura Simon, Dana Clawson, staff

Meeting Started 6:05 with a round of introductions.

Erik started the meeting with putting the Climate Action Steering Team in context, this team was created to assist with the implementation of the Climate Action Plan (CAP). The CAP is the result of community volunteers working with Pale Blue Dot, a consulting firm that assist communities with the development of plans for mitigating and adapting to climate change.

After the CAP was created the Town of Hartford Selectboard adopted the document on August 24th, 2021 and on September 7th, 2021 the Selectboard signed *A Resolution Implementing the Hartford Climate Action Plan*. This resolution lays out a number of specific benchmarks for implementing the CAP including an initial timeline and funding estimates be presented to the Selectboard at the end of February 2022. After this initial presentation there will then be a report due each August that provides an overview of cost, next steps, and the Town's progress on meeting the CAP goals.

Erik asked if Dana could find the most recent version of the *A Resolution Implementing the Hartford Climate Action Plan* which had been on the Town's website.

John then asked about the role of the Planning Department in implementing the CAP and Dana explained that he has been speaking with that department and they have been working on items related to the CAP such as zoning for higher density residential buildings close to town to persuade people to live closer to the amenities offered in town and prevent sprawl which can impact natural habitat and have a higher carbon footprint.

The team then reviewed the CAST Purpose Statement and discussed that the CAP is a bottoms up effort. Dana discussed that the CAP states that it is a living document and that the implementation of the CAP will be a fluid process because of the nature of implementing it and the scope of the plan.

Dana was asked to change the Constitution section of the Statement of Purpose so that it includes that the Team will include 7 members. Dana was also asked to include language to the Purpose Statement that outlined that the Team would exist throughout the implementation of the CAP.

We then discussed roles that need to be filled and asked for volunteers:

John agreed to be the Team lead which is responsible for setting the agenda and facilitating meetings.

Molly & Ashton agreed to be leads in the Building and Transportation sectors.

Carolyn, Laura, and Lee agreed to be leads in the Food and Greenspace sectors.

Citing that the meeting was bumping up against its allotted time Dana recommended adjourning the meeting and scheduling another meeting in the coming weeks. Dana will send out a poll to find another time that works for everyone after the holiday weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05.