

Hartford Energy Commission minutes
September 22, 2022

Present in person: Molly Smith (2022), Lynn Bohi (2024); Dana Clawson, staff; 2 openings
Present virtually: Ashton Todd (2023), Jesse Pollard (2023); guests Jennifer Andrews, Matt Oriente, Tommy Tran, Sam Gobeil, and Esme Cole

Molly called the meeting to order at 5:05 and read the open meeting law.

Agenda change: move HEC Herald discussion to October.

Minutes: Molly moved and Jesse seconded that the August minutes pass as presented. Passed.

Updates:

Bylaws changes: change number of members to 7, HEC will be supported by Town staff member, and budget HEC may request spending funds which have been appropriated to HEC. Lynn moved and Molly seconded that the changes be approved. Motion passed. Molly will take the changes to the Selectboard.

CAST: has been dissolved and is now a subcommittee of HEC.

Carbon Clinic from UNH: the team introduced themselves and HEC introduced ourselves. The Clinic's goals are education and climate action. The other clinic goal is to train students to be able to get work done that will change the climate. It is immersive education. UNH has been working on climate change for two decades. SIMAP is a tool that calculates the carbon footprint. The way the program works is over one semester there are three phases all of which requires client commitment with data collection, being present at meetings, and attending events.

This is an LGO, a local government operation. The students look at town facilities, not the general population. They will research most of Hartford's town buildings. They will start with baseline emissions. And will compare buildings. There will be a formal presentation, written report and user guide. They asked what details HEC wants.

- HEC wonders if they can identify and prioritize future projects from CAP (maybe)
- Will they include wastewater emissions (depends on data)
- Does how many people are in a building influence the results (sometimes)
- How will HEC use the data? (To prioritize projects)

Trunk or Treat: This year it will be at Lyman Point Park on Saturday, October 29 from 4 to 6pm. We can hand out quarter cards, ask for volunteers at Window Dressers, and hand out light bulbs and candy. Volunteers were: Lynn, Dana, Esme, Jesse, and Molly.

The committee on housing and homeless asked for an HEC member. The committee will meet October to June once a month. Jesse with Ashton as backup volunteered.

Molly will be gone from September 29 to October 20. She will have no internet for the first week.

6:00 Ashton had to leave, losing quorum.

Updates

- Building and Energy: Window Dressers needs volunteers. HEC was asked to connect with friends and encourage participation.
- Transportation and Land Use: Wilder One Solar does not need anything specific from HEC. Maybe a letter for the Town to use when they write to the PUC. The Planning Commission would like some guidance from HEC. The developer will wait until the Planning Commission meeting and the view shed study comes in, then will call a meeting.
- CAST: no news
- Trailblazers: Shylo is not here, so no report. Molly heard that the VCRD grant looks good. HEC can mix our \$20,000 share from town appropriation, grants, and fund raising.

HEC Heard: the question for October is when to start publishing, along with topics.

October topics: Herald, CAP priorities, VLGS clinic would like a list of town owned property

The meeting dissolved at 6:15.

Lynn Bohi, Clerk