

Hartford Energy Commission minutes
July 28, 2022

Present in person: Molly Smith, Lynn Bohi, Jesse Pollard, Shylo Grace; Dana Clawson staff, Trevor Laughlin, Laura Simon, Esme Cole, guests

Present virtually: Ashton Todd; Henry Meyer, Remington Nevin, Dwight Kelly, guests

Molly called the meeting to order at 5:08.

Minutes: Jesse moved that the June minutes pass as presented, Shylo seconded. The motion passed.

Welcome guests and new member:

- Shylo had been a guest last month and has been appointed by the Selectboard. She is a student at Vermont Technical College, majoring in architectural engineering. This includes HVAC, plumbing and electrical fields.
- Trevor is just finishing his Masters at Vermont Law and Graduate School, concentrating on energy.
- Esme grew up Hartford and has an interest in energy and this committee. She is currently a candidate for the Vermont House.
- HEC members introduced themselves
- Henry then joined and said he lives part-time in Quechee and is curious about what HEC does. He wants to bring change to Quechee. He has a micro grid interest and would like to see one in Quechee. He is also interested in distributed battery patterns. He worked with PG&E in California to end blackouts. He would like to see a more distributed grid.
- Laura is a CAST member and also Resilient Hartford member
- Dwight works at the VA, Remington is a physician that lives in Hartford.

Selectboard Meeting July 12: Molly presented the bylaw change to allow non-residents or students to become members, as long as the majority of HEC members are residents. The Board passed the change.

Subcommittees:

- Building integrity and Energy: Window Dressers project was described to the new people. HEC got a New England Grassroots grant for \$3,060 primarily to help low income people to receive more inserts. The measuring team has been trained. The email to those who signed up for inserts went out today.
- Transportation and Land Use: The Selectboard had voted to not designate the land on Christian Street as a preferred site. They were recently asked if they had changed their minds. They have not. Dana had a map produced that shows town and publicly owned parcels. If solar starts to take more time or energy, a subcommittee may be formed. The EV Guide has been published. Dana has 20 copies. It is also on line and it is hoped it will be a living document which is updated yearly. Find the guide at www.Vermontlaw.edu/EVguide.

- CAST: Dana will be updating the Selectboard about CAST on August 16th about past and future activities and budget issues. There is no word on ARPA funding yet. For the guests, HEC is responsible for Building Integrity and Energy, and Land Use sections of the plan.

Trailblazers: This is a Vermont Woman Works program that HEC is partnering with Hartland on. It trains women for all sectors of energy work and provides child care. HEC's task is funding \$20,000. Chuck Fenton, from Hartland, agreed to HEC's request to move the project to spring. HEC needs a lead person. Shylo volunteered. She has a fundraising idea also.

Vermont Law and Graduate School: there will be a webinar on August 4 from 6 to 7pm. The topic is Community De-carbonization Technical Assistance. VLS has funding to work with communities. People/towns will propose projects for the students to work on for one semester. It will help if the project can be outlined in a 2 page format.

HEC Herald: This became HEC's way to reach the public during COVID. Since more activities are in person, does it make sense to do public outreach in person and change the Herald to quarterly. Lynn moved and Jesse seconded that the HEC Herald be quarterly. The motion passed. The Herald will probably have longer pieces.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59pm.

Lynn Bohi, Clerk