

Draft Hartford Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2017

Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, WRJ

Present: Ashley Andreas, Erik Krauss, Peggy Allen, Martha McDaniel, Lynn Bohi, Cathy Geiger
Alan Johnson, Selectboard Liaison; Lori Hirshfield, staff

Martha called the meeting to order at 6:30.

The Commissioners introduced themselves to new member, Ashley.

Minutes: Several amendments were made. Cathy moved and Peg seconded that the January minutes pass, as amended. The motion passed.

Weatherize Upper Valley: There are 53 people signed up from Hartford, 13 who have proposals from contractors. Additionally, four have signed contracts. The open house on February 17 was a success, with five people attending. Future events include: a table on February 27 at Pre-Town Meeting and at Community Day on March 4, and speaking to Rotary on March 7. People volunteering to be at the table are Peg, Lynn and Ashley.

HEC Logo: The designer is still working on samples. Discussion about needing a calendar of events open to the public ensued. Vital Communities has a calendar, which might work for HEC also. Peggy will make a list of public events for 2017 to start the calendar.

VEIC Consultancy: On September 28, the consultants will present to the Selectboard a summary of the outline on what to include in the Hartford Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP). The details of the outline had been sent to HEC members. After Tuesday's SB meeting, the next steps will be HEC facilitating conversations within the community regarding energy issues and opportunities identified in the outline. It is often difficult to change behavior, which will be necessary to meet the CEP and state goals. The areas where people use the most energy and spend the most money are heat and transportation. Keeping solutions local and renewable would be good. As the process unfolds, HEC will need to investigate issues, develop ideas for solutions, and convert the outline into a full plan for future Selectboard discussion. Ashley will share with HEC, VPIRG's ideas about how to reach people in order to change behavior. It was noted that there are data holes which feed into the Hartford Energy Action Plan (EAP), Hartford CEP, and the VEIC Dashboard maps that need to be filled in. It would be good to start engaging the community in the CEP discussion now, by inviting citizens to hear the presentation at the February 28th Selectboard meeting. Ashley will post on facebook and Erik will post on the listserve.

Table at Pre-Town Meeting on February 27: Peggy and Lynn will have a table for Weatherize Upper Valley information.

Table at Community Day on March 4: Martha, Ashley and possibly Alan and Lori will staff the table in the morning, and Erik and Lynn at lunch. On the table will be the new light board, Efficiency Vermont

handouts, and the display board. Weatherize Upper Valley may share the HEC table or have a separate table.

Table on March 7 on Voting Day: There will be no table. However, Weatherize folks may hand out flyers as people exit the polls.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bohi, Clerk

Note - Agenda item for March: facebook page