

CAST Meeting January 18, 2023

Present: John Reid (Planning Commission 2024), Carolyn Hooper (Resilient Hartford 2025), Laura Simon (Resilient Hartford 2024), Lee Michaelides (Conservation Commission 2025), Ashton Todd (Hartford Energy Commission 2023) Jesse Pollard (Hartford Energy Commission 2024); Dana Clawson, Staff

Motion to Approve Minutes of December 21, 2022: Approved as submitted

Bylaws: Dana will update draft bylaws as suggested by CAST members. John suggested that until CAST's status is clarified with the Town, CAST will postpone final approval of the draft bylaws.

Solarize Hartford: Energize Upper Valley event will be held on April 1 at the LISTEN meals site. There will room for 15 exhibit tables, stations for participants to meet one-on-one with an expert and electric cars on display.

Vermont Adult Learning Program; This is a 2-week program run by the Department of Labor. It consists of one week of classroom learning and one week of certification training. There are three different energy-related tracks. The program will take place at the Hartford Technical Center.

Wilder School Project: Carolyn met with principal. The idea is to design a program that serves the needs of the students and fits the geography of the site. There is potential interest from outside funding sources.

Income Equity: John recapped the gist of a recent meeting held by the League of Women Voters on how the benefits of climate action efforts can be distributed to all income levels with an emphasis on lower income groups that are often not served by these large programs. To that end CAST passed the following motion made by Jesse in response to a request by Norwich Solar for our support of a new solar project in Hartford.

"CAST supports projects submitted to GMP's 2022 Distributed VT Solar RFP, which will benefit low to moderate income customers, and will encourage developers of those Projects in Hartford to align with the Justice40 initiative and the Climate Action Plan. "

Motion to Adjourn:

Next Meeting CAST is February 15, 2023 at 5:00 PM