

**Draft Hartford Energy Commission Minutes**  
**January 28, 2021 Microsoft Teams**

Present: Fred Randall, Molly Smith, Martha McDaniel, Lynn Bohi, Erik Krauss, Ashton Todd: Sally Bellew, guest; Matt Osborn, staff

Molly called the meeting to order by reading the Act 92 statement and roll call at 5:04pm.

Minutes: Two typos were noted and Molly moved and Martha seconded that the December minutes pass as amended. The motion passed.

BIPOC statement: The first question was should this be a living or static document? It was crafted carefully for Hartford experiences and energy issues. Should Transportation and environmental concerns be added? The decisions were to it will be a static document and a longer article will be in the HEC Herald. The longer piece, written by Fred, will include Hydro Quebec displacing indigenous people. The hope is to send the statement to Lori and to have it on the Website by February 1. Ashton moved the BIPOC statement as presented should be on the website, Erik seconded and the motion passed.

HEC Herald: Molly has articles on re-joining the Paris Climate Agreement with information about the agreement, a movie recommendation, how to make a draft stopper, steps for people to do if thinking about a renewable energy heating system, and a Black History Month piece. We need to careful it does not get too long. Future articles were suggested: March will be written by Molly about women in the energy field, April will be written by Martha about ebikes and alternately abled people and May should celebrate water day. Should there be a work group to assemble this? HEC would like to see it before it is sent out. Erik will choose a movie for March. HEC should consider incorporating a walk each month which could include the Tree of the Month so people can avoid driving.

Updates:

- Climate Advisory Committee: The group asked the Selectboard to create a fund so that recommended projects can be carried out. The issue will be on the ballot for voters to decide if the \$60 thousand funds can come from the local option tax. The priorities are: electrify the fleet, a road map to be carbon free, net zero capital improvements, group buying for weatherizing materials and solar. They are in the engagement phase with February 10 workshops to flesh out the plan. Erik will share several documents in SharePoint.
- Building Integrity: the mobile home project is in the ending stage. There was a follow up survey which netted 11 more contacts. These are farmed out. Vital Communities is moving onto another group of towns.
- Transportation: There is a website [www.bicyclebenefits.org](http://www.bicyclebenefits.org) where businesses pay \$30.00 to get stickers that riders put on their helmets for a \$5.00 fee and the riders show the sticker to participating businesses for a discount on merchandise. Should HEC work with Hartford Chamber of Commerce? Can it be a game where the business with the most visits gets some prize? Should it be kicked off in April when we have the ebikes? Can businesses find a way to

collect information about which towns the riders live in? Should HEC work with Upper Valley Trails Alliance? Hartford will have the ebikes from Sunday, April 18 to Monday, May 3. It takes money to transport the bikes and buy helmets. Lori said HEC can use \$300.00 for this. There are 3 ebikes. HEC will be the coaches, cleaners and rental agents. There should be a demo day. Decisions and tasks include: develop a reservation system, get the word out, staff all days needed, how long people can borrow them, and sign the liability contract. Perhaps a demo day on Earth Day on Thursday, April 22, The bikes need to be rented during work hours because they will be stored at Town Hall. The Local Motion program collects data on how many people follow up and purchase an ebike.

February agenda: recruitment, divide up Energy Chapter for review, discuss bicycle benefits website.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bohi, Clerk