

CAST Meeting March 15, 2023

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

Approved the Minutes from Jan 18 and Feb 15 meetings.

Wilder School Project: Carolyn met with the principal of the school and developed a timeline for the project in terms of funding, schedule, grants and external contacts. She also got a positive reception from the Hartford Conservation Commission for the presentation she gave to the Commission. Carolyn says there is the potential for starting the project in the summer of 2023. There are also plans to involve the students in the creation of the project. Carolyn will send project notes to CAST membership. John suggested that after reading the notes CAST may want to make a motion of support at the April meeting. Dana will add the topic to the April agenda.

Clifford Park Project: In the short term the group will promote efforts to create teams to care for the existing plantings.

Energize Upper Valley: Group has rolled out its publicity campaign.

UNH Carbon Study: Dana distributed the report. One source of carbon was excluded. More than likely the methane emissions from the old landfill exceed everything else the town emits. However, the amount of carbon was not able to be included in the study because of the lack of data about the landfill's operating period. DPW will be using ARPA funds to develop a renovation plan for the landfill, hopefully this will include a study of the methane output. Hartford has a subscription to the UNH study software and we can update the information annually.

Community Projects:

- Lyman Park was awarded a grant for the tree planting/ knot wood removal project.
- Organizational meetings for the Window Dressers Program starts next week.
- Trailblazers website is up and taking registrations. <https://vtworksforwomen.org/program/trailblazers/>

Next CAST Meeting is April 19 @ 5 PM