

**Draft Hartford Energy Commission minutes**  
**March 25, 2021 via Teams**

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

Molly called the meeting to order at 5:03pm by reading the Act 92 statement and roll call.

Agenda changes: moved ebike to beginning.

Minutes: There were some minor improvements suggested. Martha moved and Erik seconded that the February minutes pass as amended. The motion passed.

BIOPC statement: After asking Emma, Rachael and Dan, HEC Selectboard liaisons in the past month, none knew if the statement needs Selectboard approval prior to posting on the HEC webpage. Town Manager, Tracy, was asked and she said yes. Molly will ask Lori how to do this. Suggestions included sending an email to Lori, Dan and Tracy with the statement so that the statement can be included in the Selectboard packet prior to the meeting.

E Bike lending program: The four bikes arrive Sunday, April 18 at 10am. The question of where to store them was discussed. The libraries are open by appointment and the librarians said they can sign the bikes out. HEC will need to train the librarians. Quechee can hold four bikes and Hartford has room for two. Lori said HEC may have access to Town Hall to store the bikes. Still needed is how to transport the bikes. Schedule is:

- loan 1 is Monday 19 to Friday 23, (Ashton)
- demo day on Saturday 24 with 2 hour shifts, (Ashton, Martha)
- loan 2 is Saturday 24 at end of demos to Wednesday 28, (Ashton, Martha, Molly)
- loan 3 is Wednesday 28 to Sunday, May 2 (Molly, Lynn)
- loan 5 is Sunday May 2 to Wednesday, May 5 (Lynn, Erik, Matt)
- loan 6 is Wednesday, May 5 to Saturday, May 8 (Matt)
- bikes go off to next town Saturday, May 8 or Sunday, May 9 (Martha, Matt)

HEC Herald April: articles about the ebike program, Ashton will write a part two about the grid and general challenges to renewable energy. Other ideas were: recap of the EV webinar, Earth Day, perhaps recycling wind turbine blades or turbines and bird activity, or energy use in the manufacturing of gas and electric cars. Articles are due April 8.

**Updates on significant activity:**

- Climate Advisory Committee: The Town Meeting article establishing a fund for projects passed by a 2.3 vote including \$60,000 of funding. The plan continues to be developed. The list of actions is continuing to be refined. The criteria they are using to evaluate ideas are: support, equity, and impact. The plan will be delivered this summer.

- Building Integrity: They are looking into what road blocks keep people from building to Net Zero standards and reviewing which town owned buildings have been audited and what the status of the work is. Mobile home pipe covering project is working with COVER on installing the pipe cover system. They are also working with Vital Communities and COVER about how to continue to fund the project in the future. There will be a presentation on the work in early May.
- Transportation: The EV webinar was a success and was recorded. The e bike program was covered earlier.

Recruiting: Jon Alvin has taken a job elsewhere. HEC still needs another member. Think about what skills are needed or would be helpful. Ashton and Molly will write up an eye-catching item for posting on the listserv.

Molly has invited Tracy to attend our meetings.

Martha will put the new schedule of times, days, and people covering in SharePoint.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bohi, Clerk