

## **CAST Meeting June 7, 2023**

Present: Dana Clawson, Carolyn Hooper, John Reid, Lee Michaelides, Jesse Pollard, Laura Simon

**Minutes of the May 10, 2023 meeting.** Motion to approve as written passed unanimously.

**Plastic recycling:** John recapped his conversation about recycling foam products. Need special machinery to recycle them. John asked about CAST interest in moving forward. John will get in touch with Hartland's point person on the idea and will report back.

**Planning Commission:** Revision of town plan in progress. It will be considered in relation to the passage of SB 100. Question on the table is the incorporation of energy efficiency and the zoning regs. For example, should all new buildings be EV ready? In other business, a 500 kW solar array has been proposed for Braley Dr. off Christian Street. It will come before the Planning Commission on June 8 for "preferred siting". This is the first step in the process of applying to the PUC. Norwich Solar needs the Planning Commission, Select Board, and Regional Planning Commission to grant the location "preferred siting" before applying to the Public Utilities Commission.

**Climate Migration Conference:** Dana attended and said that it focused on the social aspects of welcoming communities. There was little about infrastructure in the presentation. That seems to ignore the pre-existing issues in the region before in-migration caused by climate change.

**Vermont Energy & Climate Action Network:** Dana and Jesse attended and made good contacts. Related to this subject Jesse briefed on a group of studies for geothermal and waste heat systems such as heatpumps using waste water in White River Jct. He plans to tour the town's wastewater system with interested parties and vendors in the next month or so.

**Follow-up to town committees on how they have advanced the climate action plan.** John suggests CAST members speak with their liaisons.

**Next CAST meeting is July 19th.**

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