

Cast Meeting Minutes July 6, 2022

Present: John Reid, Carolyn Hooper, Dana Clason, Ashton Todd, Laura Simon, Lee Michaelides

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Outreach to Hartford Commission and Committees: Heard back from HCC and Bugbee Center. Planning Commission will be meeting with Matt Osbourn to discuss density in the village to encourage mixed use developments. Dana will send around all the materials he has received to share with CAST.

Format of the Report to the Selectboard: Dana will draft a matrix listing the information we've gathered. Dana suggested adding a column that explains the rationale for support services. For example, there are 15-20 different electric accounts for town buildings. It was suggested to look at other places like Lebanon, Hanover, KUA for ideas on how to manage a complex municipal system. Dana will add that we're looking at town owned lands and how they might be used.

What Should the Focus Be of 2022 Climate efforts?: Carolyn asked should the municipal efforts that can reduce greenhouse gases quickly versus a longer term goals of community involvement. We can recap the topics Dana listed, add ongoing efforts like the food forest, grant for the sidewalk and window dressing. Finally Dana wants to plug a solarize effort for Hartford.

ARPA Update: There is an online survey for citizens to ideas on how to spend the money. Board seems excited about a women's construction training in energy related trades.

Green Drinks: Carolyn sent the link and encouraged us to attend. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/green-drinks-give-input-on-our-new-regional-climate-action-plan-tickets-358455238267>

Community Projects: John would like start working in August on getting community projects moving forward. Solarize Hartford is a good example. John suggested thinking about how we can use town-owned space. Food forest is one example. Should there be a tree planting effort? Can Matt Osbourne print a map of all town-owned spaced. Laura and Carolyn will take the lead on the mapping of the town-owned lands.

Future of Trash in Hartford: DPW believes that turning over the operation to a private entity might be more cost effective. They are looking to privatize. They are asking us if there is something that could be written into the RFP could advance the Climate Action Plan.

Climate Action Committee: What is the desire of the currently to become an official committee. There seems to be no benefit to becoming a formal committee. The sense of the group is to keep its informal status. Dana will report that to the Board.