

**Draft Hartford Energy Commission minutes**  
**July 23, 2021**

Present in person: Matt Osborn, staff

Present remotely: Molly Smith, Ashton Todd, Lynn Bohi; Erik Krauss, guest, Gina Blus, guest, Dan Fraser, Selectboard

Molly called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

Agenda changes: move recruitment to beginning.

Recruitment: Gina contacted Molly after seeing the HEC Herald. She is new to Hartford and wants to get involved. She worked on several climate issues in California.

Window Dressers: Norwich would like the five Hartford names in the database. The social worker at Bugbee said she can find one, but has not yet done so. Lynn contacted all the mobile home owners who spent between \$1100 and \$1600 on oil. She has one yes answer who has the link to the database, but has not yet signed up. The others have not responded. She plans to contact LISTEN, which Norwich and Hanover are using to recruit. HEC can recruit on the listserve. Molly will draft a post that Ashton will enliven. Lynn has until Monday, and then HC will post on the listserve. After meeting note: Norwich is close to full and asked HEC not to post on listserve, just connect with LISTEN.

When HEC has our own build, how can we recruit low income people? SEVCA and LISTEN and other social service agencies were mentioned. Can we make it less expensive for them? Bank sponsors, grant writing perhaps from a Community Loan Fund, and a revolving fund were suggested. There are several things to plan prior to our build: the number of people and windows may be 20-25 and 100-200, price this many windows so HEC knows how much to ask for in a grant, and see if VLITE still has grants and when the cycles are. Perhaps HEC can invite Laura (of Window Dressers) to a meeting for about 30 minutes. We should send her a list of questions prior to her visit. Send your questions to Molly by Wednesday, July 28.

Recruitment: Gina and Alex may be interested and want to watch another meeting or two. Sally wants to be involved in Window Dressers. Brandon S. has not been contacted.

HEC Herald: August is back to school month. Molly will write about getting to school efficiently, mentioning Hartford's bike and walk to school days. How to re-use school supplies and electric bus fleet were mentioned, but not assigned. Ashton will write about using less energy as people vacation, including how airlines offset carbon. Molly will write about where EV charging stations are in the Upper Valley. Gina will write an article about how many EVs and electric bikes are in Hartford. The energy atlas has this sort of data. [www.vtenergydashboard.org.stats](http://www.vtenergydashboard.org.stats). Deadline for articles is Friday, August 13.

For September HEC Herald, Erik will write about earth science and the connection with climate. He will check with Hartford schools to see what is being taught.

Events: trunk or Treat: HEC should work with Parks and Recreation department on ways to avoid cars if possible. Perhaps having one in each park so people had shorter drives, but how would this effect the social service agencies which participate. Molly will connect to Scott Hausler.

Molly will be away August 8 to 16 and, being in Europe, will be slow to respond.

Meetings: HEC can meet in person again, but meetings will be hybrid. Each person should decide whether to meet in person or on line for the August 26 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bohi, Clerk