

Draft Hartford Energy commission minutes
August 26, 2021

Present in person: Lynn Bohi; Matt Osborn, staff

Present remotely: Ashton Todd, Molly Smith; Erik Krauss, guest, Sally Bellew, guest, Sarah Bruce, guest, Dan Fraser, Selectboard Liaison

Molly called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

Minutes: July minutes were tabled due to lack of quorum.

Window Dressers (WD): The final count of Hartford homes in the Norwich-Hanover program is one person. Bugbee and LISTEN provided no names. The one is a mobile home owner.

Sarah is the Chair of the Hartland Energy Committee. She worked with Thetford with a past project. Hartland was going to do a build last year until COVID stopped it. Thetford is doing two builds this year. They have finished one for the elementary school. The next one is 300 homes. Window Dresser (WD) program recommends 150 for those doing a first build. She and WD people recommend committees volunteer with other towns prior to doing a build in order to learn all the parts involved. Hartland is eager to participate and has ten homes signed up now. She needs to identify a core of volunteers who will participate.

HEC members approved working with Hartland for our first build. We will need more volunteers and four to five team leaders. Linda from Norwich said they are finished with measuring and suggested HEC volunteer for the Thetford September 8th build. The Norwich build is scheduled for November. Lynn will send the links that Linda had sent so HEC can volunteer. HEC needs to start recruiting volunteers now, one possibility is Building Trades at HACTC, and also to find a space to hold the build. Molly will ask Jessica from WD to attend a meeting with Hartland and Hartford for questions and details.

Vital Communities Energy Roundtable: Thetford talked about an Electric Vehicle (EV) ambassador program they set up. Owners of EVs volunteer to be available to talk with people in town who are interested in buying an EV. HEC liked the idea, as did Sarah for Hartland. HEC and Hartland will use the listserve to recruit EV owners. It will also be in HEC Herald along with a reminder of where the charging stations are.

HCC Block Party: This will be Friday, September 10 at both sides of Lyman Point Park from 5 to 8pm. HEC should make a donation to HCC for the table. HEC needs to bring our table, the tri-fold, talk to Efficiency Vermont about what info they have available for us to hand out, and our quarter sheet of ten years of work. HEC will try for WD information and a mock-up from Jessica of WD, and a signup sheet for WD. Molly and Ashton will need HEC name tags, which Matt will ask Dillon to make. Molly will email a signup sheet for members about when they can be available. Sally had said 4:30 to 6:30.

HEC Herald: Ashton will write about airline carbon offsets and where it goes. He may have it ready for September, but certainly October. Sarah suggested articles from other energy groups. Lynn will write a

basic Climate Action Plan piece about the topics and the yearly implementation plans. Erik will ask Meg, the student on CAG, to write why young people should care. Molly will ask Carolyn, also from CAG, to write about her actions to deal with climate change. September is National Preparedness month. Molly will write about making a preparedness kit and include IPCC data which attributes climate change percentages to different sectors.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bohi, Clerk