

## **CAST Minutes Oct 18, 2023**

Present: John Reid, Dana Clawson, Laura Simon, Lee Michaelides Public Jen Durgin

Quorum not present. Minutes from September meeting not approved.

Discussed recycling option for film plastics and foam. Laura will connect with DPW and John will do a field visit to the Lebanon foam collection.

Dana led discussion about recruitment. Laura will ask Jesse about recruits from Vital Communities. Idea is to try to identify groups to that have contacts inside the community. Lee suggested that CAST act as a clearing house for different ways the Climate Action Plan can be implemented and provide educational materials to the general public.

Hartford got a \$4,000 grant for to build out website. Dana said to look at Norwich and Waterbury for examples of good local websites.

John suggested CAST should be listed on town website under Board and Committees.

Lee suggested a “meet and greet” with the town manager after CAST has a full membership roster.

Jen suggested asking the school newsletter to put out a notice of recruitment for CAST membership

Dana’s updates: Window dressers made 201 inserts. Town Hall flexible load program has been fully installed and Dana will be trained in the operation. State sent letter of agreement for energy audits of 2 town buildings. Efficiency Vermont will run a training program on building code for local builders. Town mechanic is being trained to work on EVs. Dana has been working with Lebanon to establish a cooperative relationship to use common chargers for EVs in case there is a power outage in either town. (This will be an independent power source that is off the grid.)

Next meeting in November 15th, 2023