

Draft Hartford Energy Commission minutes
October 22, 2020

Present: Martha McDaniel, Fred Randall, Erik Krauss, Lynn Bohi, Ashton Todd; Alan Johnson, Selectboard; Matt Osborn, staff

Molly called the meeting to order at 5:04pm by reading the Act 92 statement.

Minutes: Erik moved that the September minutes pass as drafted. Fred seconded and the motion passed.

Trunk or Treat: To be held Saturday afternoon October 31 at Hartford High parking lot. How would HEC like to participate? Candy and ¼ page sheets with HEC and Button Up resource information. Registration is due Monday, October 26. Decision was to register, to not have PHYSICAL presence. Lynn moved and Fred seconded that HEC buy 2 bags of candy and Molly and Ashton will create 400 cards and in the future HEC will discuss with Parks and Rec how this event can be modified to be more energy efficient. The motion passed. There had been discussion about should HEC participate in a car centric event. We can use it to message about how people can make changes, perhaps use all the parks so that people do not have to drive at all, and/or message about idling cars.

Statement on climate change and BIPOC community: Fred created a statement which can be found on SharePoint in a new folder called 2020 docs. HEC will vote on the statement in November and then take it to the Selectboard. Perhaps some thing can be added about Hartford helping new residents. It might be good to discuss this with HCORI

Work groups: these have to be 3 members or less or they must be warned.

- Build Integrity: will continue to focus on weatherizing, the mobile home project, and Button Up. Lynn will head this and Erik is the other member. Need to talk to Joanne about the Net Zero project.
- Transportation: will continue to focus on e-bikes, carpooling, and electric cars. Molly will lead with Ashton the other member. Martha may also continue, but will need to be consulted.

VECAN climate leadership: This has been created by Rural Development Council. They are working on clean transportation and other research. Molly is in the current group.

Recruitment: there are 2 volunteers who may help with the mobile home project.

Energy Coordinator: Currently the position is in the budget for part time, but Lori is trying to make it full time.

Alan: has resigned from the e= Selectboard as of November 5. He will not disappear. We can text or call.

Updates:

- Climate Advisory Committee: they are preparing data for the Comprehensive Action Plan. They are recruiting a team of 9-18 people from 8 sectors. There will be a kickoff in late November.
- Building Integrity: Vital Communities mobile home project will be mail driven, will include a survey, a brochure of available programs, with human follow-up for those who request it. There may be a virtual program with DIY kits. There is a training October 28. There are 2 sessions and Hartford starts November 9. The postcard needs a picture of a scene everyone can identify as Hartford. The Briggs building with the hill behind it or one of the symbols from the Town seal.
- Button Up: There is much info from Efficiency Vermont that can be reposted on the listserve.
- Transportation: The guild for Hartford is being worked on. It can be posted on the Town website after the website is re-designed. It will have a section on winter driving, keeping warm, and which EVs and hybrids perform best in the snow.

Facebook page: Other committees are also asking for a page. Lori is discussing with appropriate people. It may be a Planning and Development page. Discussion will happen about who can post.

Montpelier police are looking at buying a Tesla Model Y car. The payback is estimated to be one year.

Next agenda

- Vote on BIPOC
- Updates
- De-brief on Trunk or Treat
- Should we look at a film series? It can be used for outreach and education. The films should be solution oriented and practical. HEC can connect with CROH, HCORI and ask if CAT can host them. Look at YOU Tube videos, talk to the UV Humanists about how to do this. The series could start in January.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bohi, Clerk