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Hartford Climate Advisory Committee

October 30, 2020

Erik Krauss called the meeting to order at approximately 5:04 pm.

Present: Erik Krauss; Jack Spicer; Ana Meija; Alan Johnson, Selectboard Liaison; Matt Osborn

Act 92 Compliance: Erik read the Act 92 compliance agreement.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Erik asked if there were changes or additions to the agenda to be discussed. No changes or additions were suggested and the agenda was accepted as submitted.

Review and approve meeting minutes from Sept. 28: Ana moved to accept the draft September 28, 2020 minutes without changes or additions. Erik seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously accepted as drafted.

Erik stated that the September 15, 2020 meeting minutes are still showing up as “draft” on the Town website. Jack agreed to follow up with Lana.

Review status of preparations for CAP project kickoff: Erik said no budget kick off date is set. The parties (paleBLUEdot and Town of Hartford) have executed a contract. At this stage we are collecting data from the Town and seeking volunteers for the Climate Action Team.

Formation of Climate Action Team: Erik cautioned requiring folks to participate in more Zoom calls given the amount of screen time required of folks lately. Those present relayed the contacts they have made and indicated the interest level of each contact. Ana has reached out to a number of folks and three folks have expressed interest in joining. Erik reached out to contacts and four individuals indicated they would like to join. Alan indicated that he had not reached out to anyone because he is under the weather and his transition is moving more quickly than he anticipated. Jack agreed to reach out to two folks Alan had planned to reach out to and to follow up with his contacts as well as to Resilient Hartford members. Erik will reach out to one of Alan’s contacts with an introduction from Alan as well as to TRORC. Alan still to reach out to HCC and HCTC and said he has an Efficiency Vermont contact that he will reach out to. Ana will make a list of contacts who do not fit squarely within on Team’s area of expertise. Erik said we are not sure if Courtney has made contact or anticipates to do that, so he will reach out. Others may have to take over her contacts. Erik anticipates that we will be short on our target number of volunteers.

Other necessary kickoff prerequisites: Erik stated that paleBLUEdot is asking for raw data to move forward and he is unsure if we will be able to get the level of detail they expect. For example, Public Works may not have the information about solid waste that paleBLUEdot is requesting. Not all waste that goes to the transfer station is from Hartford residents. We may be able to prorate the portion attributable to Hartford. Erik is working on getting information from Finance Department about the

heating and transportation fuel figures for 2013 and 2016. We have this data for 2019. PaleBLUEdot is asking for three weeks after data is provided in order for them to digest data before the kick off meeting.

Closing Comments and Adjournment: Erik stated that if we get data to paleBLUEdot by November 6, we should call a special meeting. Jack suggested holding off on calling a special meeting until after we get data to paleBLUEdot.

Jack asked for a status on the Middlebury College internship program. Erik stated he doesn't know where this stands, and he will ask Lori about it when they meet about data on Monday.

Ana shared that she is hearing about Paths to a Green Home, which is an app plus community campaign about carbon footprints. Ana also shared that the Upper Valley Adaptation Work Group will hold a virtual climate summit mid-December.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Jack Spicer, Clerk