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Hartford Climate Advisory Committee

November 10, 2021

Erik Krauss called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm. The meeting was held at Hartford Town Hall, Room 2, and remotely via TEAMS platform.

Present: Committee members Erik Krauss, Carolyn Hooper, and Jack Spicer; Town Staff Dana Clawson

Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Jack suggested removing Item 7, and the members agreed.

Meeting Minutes: Erik moved to accept Oct. 13, 2021 meeting minutes as drafted. Jack seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

Appoint CAC Delegate to Climate Action Steering Team: Carolyn provided an overview of the Climate Action Steering Team, which is tasked with coming up with actionable items from the climate action plan. The Climate Action Steering Committee will be composed of members from various town committees and stakeholders. Erik nominated Carolyn to be the CAC delegate and Jack seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

Erik suggested that the team begin by taking a closer look at the timeline. Jack asked whether this is envisioned as a Selectboard created committee. Erik envisioned the team to work similarly to the climate action teams that helped create the climate action plan.

Potential ballot articles: Erik asked if members had proposed ballot initiatives and provided an overview of proposals discussed at the last meeting. Jack suggested we don't put forth a ballot initiative this year unless we are enabling something more generally. Erik gave an update on last year's initiative: The reserve fund must be created by the end of the fiscal year. A draft of criteria for using the fund will be considered at next Selectboard meeting. Erik also suggested that the CAC does not have an enabling action for the voters in March, but members should always be thinking of these kinds of general, enabling articles for future ballots. Carolyn agreed and said we need to get a steady place from which to launch first.

Liaison & Staff Reports & Other Updates: Dana spoke about the VCAN conference, which is December 4 – 9. Can only currently register for the Saturday. This will be an online only event. The suggested cost is \$25. Dana has been working on re-enrolling Town Hall in Efficiency Vermont's flexible load management program. We were initially in the program and then ran into technical problems.

Those in attendance discussed CAC's 2022 meeting schedule antimes and days of week that work best. Following discussion, Erik suggested tentatively keeping the schedule the same with second wed of the month at 5 pm. Dana to look into whether there are conflicting holidays and

get it out to group for consideration at December meeting. Discussion to be continued in December.

Jack moved to adjourn and Carolyn seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.