

Draft Hartford Energy Commission Minutes
December 16, 2021

Present in person; Molly Smith, Lynn Bohi; Dana Clawson, staff

Present Virtually: Jesse Pollard, Ashton Todd; Warren Kadoya, guest

Molly called the meeting to order at 5:05pm by reading the hybrid meeting script.

HEC welcomed a new member, Jesse Pollard. He recently moved to Hartford. He studied environmental engineering and works remotely on battery storage. He is interested in helping the town with planning for climate disruption.

Warren is Ashton's neighbor, studied environmental engineering and works at CRREL. His interest is climate change.

All members introduced themselves. Other potential members are two Environmental Club members at Hartford High, Meg MacLaury and Ceci... And a potential volunteer is Anna Gunther from Vital Communities.

Window Dressers update: The program was described. It was noted we have all leader spots filled. The location is still not established, Cornerstone and the UCC church have not responded.

Climate Action Plan (CAP): HEC is taking the lead on housing weatherization, land use, and transportation. Ashton and Molly are on the advisory steering team. CAP will report to the Selectboard in late February with the first steps. Hartford has reached the cap on solar municipal projects. Perhaps a co-op could lease some town land for community solar. Is there a town solar zoning ordinance? Is there a statewide definition of community solar?

Subcommittees: Now that there is a quorum, we can reestablish subcommittees. Building Integrity and Energy Efficiency (Lynn), Transportation (Molly), and Energy and Land Use (Jesse) will be the new subcommittees. Heads are in parentheses above. These will begin in January.

HEC Herald January edition: Topics are: New Year's resolution from each member will be called Honorable Intentions and are defined as ideas to be mindful of and are related to energy, interview with Jesse, and carbon footprint of ski areas. Molly will send the due date via email.

January topics: Can HEC have members who do not live in Hartford? Review bylaws and Charter (Lynn) and the website is being redesigned and updated. What should be on the new HEC page? (all)

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bohi, Clerk