

Hartford Climate Advisory Committee

September 13, 2021

Erik Krauss called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. The meeting was held at Hartford Town Hall, Room 2, and remotely via TEAMS platform.

Present: Committee members Erik Krauss, Courtney Williamson, Lucas Gilbert, and Jack Spicer; Town Staff Matt Osborn, Selectboard Liaison Michael Hoyt, Climate Action Plan Team Member Carolyn Hooper, and Conservation Commission Liaison Mary Hutchins.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda: No additions or changes were suggested.

Meeting Minutes: Courtney moved to approve February 23 and March 23 meeting minutes. Lucas seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Move to accept the minutes for the August 11 meeting as amended by Lori Hirshfield and Lucas seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Lucas moved to accept the minutes for the September 1 meeting as amended by Lori Hirshfield and Courtney seconded the motion. The minute were approved unanimously.

Erik asked Jack to make sure the June 9 minutes are correct as this was likely a meeting that did not have quorum. Jack agreed to check in on this and get the finalized minutes ready to post.

Elections of Committee Officers: Lucas asked if anyone was looking to change roles. Erik said he is willing to continue as chair. Courtney agreed and asked us to revisit in 6 months or so. Carolyn is on the Selectboard agenda for October 5 and asked for some time before she is put into a leadership role. Jack read the constitution section of the committee charge and suggested discussing amendments at the next regular meeting. Courtney and Jack agreed to revisit the constitution section of the charge and make suggested changes at the next committee meeting. Matt agreed to look at the requirements for bylaws or charge since we are a standing committee.

Priorities for fall '21/winter '22: Jack suggested that we meet with the Environmental Sustainability Coordinator and discuss his needs from us moving forward. Erik said he begins early October. Lucas brought up the idea of funding and looking at that sooner rather than later, especially considering the new infrastructure bill. Jack suggested confirming that the Climate Action Reserve Fund has been established and getting guidance on the process for withdrawals and Erik agreed to follow up on this. Lucas agreed to outline what is or may be coming to the town from federal funding bills. Erik wants us to be thinking about language for the ballot for next March and said we should be thinking about that now so that we can approve language, if needed, at the regular November meeting. Courtney asked if any actions in the Climate Action Plan require

the voters to approve it for the Selectboard to be comfortable implementing it. Jack added that we should consider if there is anything that has already been committed to that could use the support of the voters. Members agreed to be thinking about both the Climate Action Plan and Resolution between now and the next meeting for discussion at next meeting. Erik stressed needing members to be familiar enough with the Climate Action Plan to be able to evaluate proposed implementation plans. Jack asked if contract with paleBLUEdot's contract has been fulfilled because we need to thank them if it has. Matt agreed to check and report back. Members agreed to generally plan for a special meeting in late October/early November.

Closing and Adjournment:

Jack moved to adjourn and Courtney Seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Jack Spicer, Clerk