



**APPROVED MINUTES - August 19, 2020**

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Status	Name	Affiliation	Present
Hartford Business Representative, Chair	Rich Shaw	Hartford Steam Company	Yes
Hartford Business Representative, Vice Chair	Sebastian Lombardi	Day Pitney	No
Hartford Elector, Secretary	Thomas Swarr	Resident	Yes
Hartford Elector	Kerrice Reynolds	Resident	Yes
Hartford Elector	[Empty Seat]		
Hartford Business Representative	[Empty Seat]		
Ex-Officio	Claudio Bazzano	Board of Education (Designee)	No
Ex-Officio	Erik Johnson	Development Services	No
Ex-Officio	Mike Looney	Public Works	No
Non-Voting Board Member	Frank Dellaripa	Public Works, City Engineer	Yes
Non-Voting Board Member	Alan Strong	City Architect	
Non-Voting Board Member	David Grant	City Council President (Designee)	--- Yes
Non-Voting Board Member	Shubhada Kambli	Mayor’s Office (Designee)	Yes
Non-Voting Board Member	[Empty Seat]	Eversource (Electric Utility)	
City Staff	Kristina Catterfeld	Public Works	Yes
City Staff	James Del Visco	Corporation Counsel	Yes

- I. **Roll Call** – Meeting called to order at 3:02 PM.
  - A. **Other Attendees**- Tony Cherolis (BiCiCo, Transport Hartford), Ken Collette (DEEP), Rosalind Copeland (CRT), Sandy Fry (City Staff), Jeff Pipeling (C-TEC), Bonnie Roswig (CCA), Lee Suarez (DEEP),
  
- II. **Administrative Matters** – No business conducted as there was not a quorum in attendance.
  
- III. **Meeting Topics**
  - A. **Utility Hardship Programs**  
Bonnie Roswig, Director of Disability Rights Project at the Center for Children’s Advocacy gave an overview of utility programs to help those who have difficulty paying their utility bills. There was discussion of the challenges in making people aware of the programs and guiding them through a complicated mix of eligibility requirements and other

administrative details.

She was looking for help from the EID is getting the word out to residents to ensure those eligible for help can access the programs.

Rosalind Copeland noted that Operation Fuel can help those families whose income exceeds the limits for utility hardship.

#### **B. Solar Project**

Jeff Pipeling gave an update on the landfill project. The project is in the queue for VNM, and it is expected that program will be funded and the cap lifted to enable the project to move forward. C-TEC has filed an application for LRECs (necessary to make the financials work), but the process has been delayed by COVID. Eversource approvals may be further delayed due to motions before PURA filed by some disqualified applicants seeking to freeze approvals until Eversource responds on their process used to disqualify the applications. C-TEC is also still waiting for Eversource to complete the interconnection study, which has also been delayed by the pandemic.

Although C-TEC would normally wait until the VNM selection, LREC awards, and interconnection study were in place before applying for permits, they have decided to move ahead on the permit application to avoid further delay. They are gathering the information necessary to do the engineering studies to ensure the cap warranty is not voided and prepare for a pre- application meeting with DEEP. Despite the delays, C-TEC is still planning on installation in summer of 2021.

#### **C. Sustainable Transport**

Tony Cherolis gave an overview of Transport Hartford initiatives to promote a more equitable transportation system to benefit Hartford residents. The focus is both equity and safety. He was looking for support for a pilot to promote CHEAPR rebates for e-bikes to extend benefits of the program to low- to- moderate income families.

Sandy Fry highlighted that the City is working on a Vision Zero program to eliminate traffic fatalities.

### **IV. New Business**

#### **A. Office of Sustainability**

There has been limited ability to conduct outreach programs due to the pandemic, so there was little to report.

However, Shubhada Kambli did report the City had negotiated a new electricity supply contract that will provide \$3.2 million in savings.

### **V. Next Meeting: September 16, 2020**

### **VI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM.**