

ACOTE MEETING MINUTES for October 27th, 2015; 5:30-7 pm HPL

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:55 pm by Chair JoAnne Bauer
2. Commissioners in **Attendance**: **Bill Upholt; June O’Neill; Mark Mitchell**
Commissioners Not Excused: Russell Williams
3. **GUESTS** included: Councilor Cynthia Jennings, aide Russel Haywood Hicks, and Marilynn Cruz-Aponte of Public Works Dept
4. **Invited Presenter** Sharon Lewis, Executive Director of CCEJ, was unable to make the meeting due to a last- minute emergency.
5. No **Minutes** were available re: the two previous planning meetings for the forum with DEEP.
6. **Treasurer’s Update**: Despite there being \$1000 budgeted to ACOTE for 2015 and despite many requests, JoAnne has still not been reimbursed for \$75 expenses incurred by *Green Neighbors Tent* rentals in May 2015

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7. The group elected to review the merits of the **DEEP presentation** of October 15th. Those who were able to attend were in consensus that the presentation was *informative, understandable and personable*, and markedly improved by the planning meetings where ACOTE members provided substantive input. DEEP made responsive adjustments during the process of planning and review. JoAnne also felt that the presentation was significantly aided by the context provided by Marilynn’s and Cynthia’s comments that evening. The next step will be to create a schedule of presentations to Htfd 200 and NRZs. ACOTE should plan to get a summary of results and comments from DEEP.
8. **Administrative**: We discussed the need, raised by Marilynn, for the City to have a codified pathway for Host City Community Benefits and Environmental Justice Reviews for projects by Ordinance and State Statute. Marilynn will be creating a Transition Document for the new mayor.
9. **Membership** Some friends have expressed interest in ACOTE, and we will invite them to the next meeting.
10. **Energy Initiatives** (Htfd Clean Energy Task Force) Nothing new reported.
11. **Recycling& Solid Waste Management**: Marilynn described the *Landfill Legacy Project* Work Groups that are charged with implementing ideas that emerged from Community meetings, primarily with North Hartford residents since 2009: Solar Array interconnection to Jennings Road facility by spring; Monumental Work of Public Art to be commissioned; Seasonal Wildflower Meadows designed for bees and pollination; Greenhouse Project; and Viewing Platform.
12. **Legislative: ACOTE VOTED unanimously to support Councilor Jennings resolution about the proposed pipeline.** JoAnne and Mark to attend her press conference.
13. **Announcements**:: Bill announced upcoming Climate Stewardship Conference
14. **Adjournment**: There being no other or new business, JoAnne adjourned the meeting at 7 pm.