

**Draft Minutes of  
Resilient Hartford: A Community Resilience Organization  
April 24, 2019**

**Members Present:** Kye Cochran, Laura Simon, Jack Spicer and chair Paige Heverly.

**Liaison Members Present:** Lynn Bohi, Energy Commission; Jon Bouton, Conservation Commission and Simon Dennis, Selectboard.

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Brannon Godfrey and Planner Matt Osborn.

**Others Present:** None.

A meeting of Resilient Hartford was held at the Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction, Vermont on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 in Room 2. Chair Paige Heverly called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

1. **Minutes of the March 27, 2019 Resilient Hartford Meeting:** Paige Heverly asked if there are any changes to the draft minutes of March 27<sup>th</sup>. Being none, Paige stated that the minutes are accepted with the noted correction.
2. **Flavors of the Valley:** Paige Heverly reported that the April 7<sup>th</sup> Flavors event was successful. Over 800 people attended. Kye, Francesca and Paige staffed the table advertising Potato Fest. Paige noted that they distributed potatoes and information about Potato Fest. They had a potato cut-out for photos that drew a great deal of interest. Paige said they were able to talk to many Hartford residents attending.
3. **UVAW Workshop:** Paige Heverly reported that the Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup spring workshop went well. CROH was a sponsor of the event. The topic was “Let’s Talk about Climate Change”. Over sixty people attended including Laura Simon and Paige. She said it was an effective discussion that focused on connecting with people. Paige added that the event was filmed by CATV. She will provide a link to the video once it is available.
4. **Steve Long Workshop:** Jon Bouton reported that the workshop on the Hurricane of 1938 went well and was attended by more than thirty people. He characterized the audience as different than the normal CROH audience which he thinks is great to reach different people.
5. **Dick McCormack Workshop:** Paige Heverly reported that there were about 50 people in attendance of Dick McCormack’s talk on climate, resilience and energy legislation. Dick provided an overview of the legislative challenges of dealing with climate change and many of the solutions.
6. **CRO Vermont Grant:** Matt Osborn reported that he received a check for \$2,500 today for the CRO VT Community Sufficiency Grant. Paige Heverly noted that \$2,000 is slated for Potato Fest and \$500 is for Community Day. Paige said she is excited about the grant.
7. **Potato Fest:** Paige Heverly reported that Potato Fest is scheduled for Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Lyman Point Park. Paige asked Matt to fill out a permit application with the Parks and Recreation Department to reserve the facility. Kye Cochran reported that she made posters for the libraries and the Co-op about Potato Fest. She noted that the planting season for potatoes in the Upper Valley is early May to late June. Kye suggested having a display at the June 12<sup>th</sup> Block Party and reaching out to the schools to get them involved. Laura Simon volunteered to work with the schools about promoting the event. There was a discussion of other ways to get the

word out. Lynn Bohi suggested distributing information with the quarterly water bills. Simon Dennis suggested developing a publicity plan. There was discussion about developing a specific Facebook page for CROH separate from the Town Facebook page.

**8. Workshop Series:** There was discussion about summer workshops. Paige Heverly suggested moving her presentation on climate change to the fall and instead doing an outdoor workshop in July. CROH agreed. There was discussion about the topic for the July workshop and it was decided between rain gardens or green stormwater designs. There also was discussion about partnering with other commissions and organizations on workshops.

<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Date</u>
• Thinking Like A Watershed (Resilience)	Connor Stedman	5/31/19
• Gardening Event		June, 2019
• Rain Garden or Green Stormwater		July, 2019
• Community Day		August, 2019
• Potato Fest		9/14/19
• Climate Change	Paige Heverly	Fall,, 2019

**9. Resilient Hartford Openings:** Paige Heverly noted that there is still one Resilient Hartford opening.

**10. Resilient Vermont Conference:** Matt Osborn noted that the Resilient Vermont Conference will be held on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at Norwich University in Northfield. The CRO Retreat will be held as part of the event on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Paige noted that there are CROH funds for members to attend.

**11. HCC Block Party:** Matt Osborn noted that the Annual Hartford Community Coalition Block Party is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. CROH will have an information table at the event. Matt agreed to reserve a table. Laura suggested requesting that the table be located next to the Apple Corps table.

**12. Green-Up Day:** Matt Osborn reported that Green-Up Day is Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Green-up bags have arrived and are available at the Town Hall and Quechee Library. Matt said that the Conservation Commission is looking for volunteers to help on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**13. Next Meeting:** Paige Heverly noted that the next CROH meeting will be for Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**14. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.