

**Draft Minutes of the
Community Resilience Organization Hartford
January 2, 2019**

Members Present: Kye Cochran, Dylan Kreis, and chair Paige Heverly

Liaison Members Present: Jon Bouton, Simon Dennis and John Reid.

Staff Present: Planner Matt Osborn.

Others Present: Jack Spicer.

A Community Resilience Organization Hartford (CROH) Meeting was held at the Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction, Vermont on Wednesday, January 2, 2018 in Room 312. Chair Paige Heverly called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Paige introduced resident Jack Spicer, who is interested in joining CROH.

1. **Minutes of the November 28, 2018 CROH Meeting:** Paige Heverly asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes of November 28th. Being none, Paige stated that the minutes are accepted as written.
2. **CROH Name:** Paige Heverly noted that she needs to e-mail the Town Manager about discussing the CROH name on a future Selectboard meeting agenda.
3. **CRO Vermont Grant:** Paige Heverly reported that she prepared a draft of the grant application for the CRO VT Community Sufficiency Grant. The grant application includes the following items:
 - Hartford Potato Fest
 - Community Resilience Book Club in partnership with Chelsea Green
 - Upper Valley Food Co-op Rain Garden in collaboration with Apple Corps
 - Community Work Day
 - Speakers and resilience skills workshops

Paige noted that the budget for the grant is \$2,500. The grant does not require a local match.

Regarding workshops, Simon Dennis said we have discussed having agroforestry specialist/ecologist Connor Stedman come to Hartford. He agreed to follow-up. CROH agreed.

Dylan Kreis suggested inviting Richard Cogliano, Regional Emergency Management Program Coordinator for the Vermont Emergency Management Department to conduct a workshop on emergency preparedness for seniors. This would tie in nicely with the Resilient Seniors Project. Matt agreed to contact Len Brown of the Bugbee Senior Center about possible dates.

Regarding the rain garden, Paige noted that she met with an engineer/hydrologist to discuss project design. Matt Osborn noted that the parking lot above the Co-op and adjacent right-of-way is owned by the Town. He suggested meeting with the Department of Public Works soon.

Regarding the community work day, CROH agreed to pursue culvert cleaning and coordinating with the Department of Public Works.

Paige asked if CROH thinks all of the elements should be included in the grant application. Simon Dennis suggested having CROH members volunteer for categories that interest them and see if all are covered.

	<u>CROH Lead(s)</u>
• Hartford Potato Fest	Kye
• Community Resilience Book Club	Paige
• Upper Valley Food Co-op Rain Garden	Paige/Jon
• Community Work Day	Dylan/John
• Speakers and resilience skills workshops	Simon

CROH agreed to pursue the grant application with all five items. Matt will seek approval from the town manager.

- 4. Resilient Seniors Project Report:** Paige Heverly asked CROH if they had any comments about the report. Dylan Kreis stated that there were two statistics that call out the need for education and action; 66% of seniors surveyed have no emergency supplies and 82% of seniors surveyed have no emergency preparedness plan. Matt Osborn noted that the report has concrete action items that CROH and the Bugbee Senior Center can implement. Jon Bouton commented that it is important that the report's recommendations are implemented. CROH agreed. Dylan suggested having Jason Rhoades present the report to the Selectboard. Matt responded that Jason lives in southern New Hampshire and has already put a great deal of time and effort attending several meetings in Hartford. Matt would prefer not to ask him to come back to Hartford for an evening meeting. Dylan asked if Jason would allow a CROH member to present the report to the Selectboard. Matt responded that he is sure that would be acceptable to Jason. He will inquire and discuss with Len Brown.
- 5. Model Communities Program Grant:** Paige Heverly reported that Laura Simon suggested that CROH consider applying for this grant program that focuses on helping communities increase economic vitality and affordability in a time of climate change. Matt noted that the January 18th application deadline doesn't give us enough time to develop a project and put together an application. He suggested that we consider it for next year and possibly team up with another commission or organization. The program selects two communities each year.
- 6. Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** Matt Osborn reported that staff learned today that it will be several more weeks before the Town learns if it receives a grant to hire a consultant to assist in the update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- 7. Driveway Workshop:** Jon Bouton reported that there is a possibility about a workshop coming to Hartford that addresses driveway drainage, maintenance and erosion control. A similar workshop was held in Franklin County and was well-received. CROH agreed that it should be pursued.
- 8. CROH Openings:** Paige Heverly noted that CROH should be recruiting for the remaining three openings created with the recent approval of the CROH Bylaws. CROH agreed. Jack Spicer stated that he plans on applying.
- 9. Next Meeting:** Paige Heverly noted that the next CROH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28th at 5:00 p.m.
- 10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.