

**Draft Minutes of the  
Community Resilience Organization Hartford  
January 31, 2018**

**Members Present:** Jon Bouton, Kye Cochran, Simon Dennis, Laura Simon (by phone) and chair Dylan Kreis.

**Staff Present:** Assistant Fire Chief Alan Beebe and Planner Matt Osborn.

**Others Present:** None.

A Community Resilience Organization Hartford (CROH) Meeting was held at the Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction, Vermont on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 in Room 2. The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

- 1. Minutes of the January 3, 2018 CROH Meeting:** Dylan Kreis asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes of January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kye Cochran noted a correction. Being no other changes, Dylan stated that the minutes are adopted with the noted correction.
- 2. Resilient Seniors Project:** Matt Osborn reported that he met with Antioch Professor Jason Rhoades and Bugbee Senior Center Director Len Brown about Jason's interest in pursuing a Resilient Seniors project in Hartford. The project would focus on addressing the impact of extreme weather on senior citizens. It would involve vulnerability assessment meetings, a survey and two planning meetings. The end product will be a final report with recommended resilience strategies that can result in future actions. Professor Rhoades is seeking a close working relationship with CROH and the Bugbee Senior Center. Matt stated that Professor Rhoades would like to meet with CROH and Len Brown at the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. CROH agreed that this is a great project and directed Matt to place the item on the February 28<sup>th</sup> agenda.
- 3. CRO Vermont Quarterly Conference Call:** Matt Osborn reported that there will be a CRO Vermont quarterly conference call on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. in Room 312. In addition to updates, CRO Vermont will discuss grant funding and the annual CRO conference.
- 4. Community Forum Comments:** Matt Osborn distributed comments from the August 25<sup>th</sup> Community Forum. He noted that several of the comments fit in nicely with CROH's work while others don't. Dylan Kreis agreed. Dylan suggested incorporating the comments into the upcoming workshop series. CROH agreed.
- 5. Future Direction of CROH:** Dylan Kreis noted that he sees three major work items for CROH coming out of the recent CROH visioning process. They include:
  - Monthly workshop series
  - Continue developing neighborhood resilience circles/groups
  - Network with other organizations with similar interests

Dylan noted that in all of CROH's work, resilience = connections = community. CROH agreed.

- 6. Monthly Workshops:** Simon Dennis suggested scheduling workshop dates for the next year. Dylan Kreis responded that he doesn't think we should rush into it noting that the details on the workshops will unfold as we go forward. Matt Osborn suggested discussing possible workshop topics at the next meeting. CROH agreed. Simon suggested holding an additional meeting in February to

develop a list of CROH workshops. CROH agreed to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. Dylan noted that it is logical to kick off the workshop series with resilient seniors. CROH agreed. Simon asked about other ideas for workshops. Kye Cochran responded seed saving and Laura Simon suggested regional food self-sufficiency as a possibility. Dylan suggested that each member come up with a list of ten workshop ideas for the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. He also noted that CROH keep in mind skill building topics. Simon asked about stipends for workshop speakers. Matt responded that there are funds in the current budget and grants and that he will provide an accounting for the next meeting.

- 7. CROH Networking:** Kye Cochran noted that she met with Laura Simon to discuss CROH networking. They would like to schedule meetings in each of the villages once the workshop list is developed. She also suggested the same for organizations. Dylan Kreis suggested looking at the Basin Harbor CRO retreat list of organizations to potentially partner with. He also suggested making sure that the CROH message is consistent. CROH agreed.
- 8. Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup Meeting:** Dylan Kreis reported that he was invited to attend the February 28<sup>th</sup> Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup Board Meeting.
- 9. Regional Plan Emergency Management Chapter:** Matt Osborn reported that the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission is revising the Emergency Management Chapter. CROH agreed to continue discussion next month.
- 10. Next Meeting:** As noted above, a special meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. to discuss monthly workshop topics.
- 11. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.