

**Approved Minutes of the  
Community Resilience Organization Hartford  
February 13, 2018**

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

**Staff Present:** 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 Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in Room 312. The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m.

1. **Minutes of the January 31, 2018 CROH Meeting:** Dylan Kreis asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes of January 31<sup>st</sup>. There were no changes. Dylan stated that the minutes are adopted as written.
  
2. **Brainstorming Monthly Workshops:** Dylan Kreis noted that the format doesn't have to be a workshop. It also could be a panel discussion, skill share or something else. Dylan also noted that CROH can partner with other organizations to co-sponsor workshops. The following is a list of possible workshops that CROH came up with.
  1. How Town Departments prepare for Resilience
  2. How to develop a more secure food system
  3. Neighborhood Resilience Groups
  4. Debt, Derivatives and De-dollarization
  5. Disaster Preparedness, including flood practical pre and post assistance, sand bags and zombie apocalypse
  6. Managing Forests for Carbon Sequestration
  7. Best Management Practices for Carbon Sequestration
  8. Water Conservation including rain gardens, green stormwater, roof top vegetation, riparian buffers.
  9. Resilient Homesteads & Permaculture (Ben Falk)
  10. Vegetable Fermentation
  11. Growing your own food, soils & composting
  12. Time Banking
  13. Birds, Habitat and a Changing Climate
  14. Forests and Climate Change (Tony Demado)
  15. Fruit and Nut Trees
  16. Bridges & Culverts; damage prevention
  17. What are the signs of the Government declaring Marshall Law and what do we do?
  18. Diversity & Inclusivity (these are resilience issues) including Sensitivity Training, Social and Environmental Justice. HCORI, Justice for All, Vermont Partnership on Fairness & Diversity & JAG

Dylan Kreis stated that we will need to find a qualified speaker for each workshop. Simon Dennis suggested comparing the workshop topic with the CROH purpose statement and developing a matrix to help prioritize the workshops. The Committee agreed. Simon volunteered to develop the matrix.

- 3. Community Resilience Organizations (CRO) Vermont Quarterly Conference Call:** Matt Osborn reported that Kye Cochran and he participated in the CRO Vermont quarterly conference call on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Matt noted that CRO Vermont announced that they received grant funding from the Byrne Foundation and private donors which will be used to help existing CRO's with their work as well as helping two new CRO's get off the ground. Matt stated that the grants will require a local match to demonstrate community commitment. CRO Vermont executive Director Mindy Blank emphasized that the grants are intended to be flexible. Matt noted that a donor has requested that one of the new CRO's come from the Upper Valley. Matt noted that Sharon, Royalton and Bethel have talked about forming a CROH. Jon Bouton suggested Thetford since they experienced significant flooding in July. Simon Dennis suggested using grant funds to developing the concept of a Resilience University.

Kye Cochran noted that Mindy Blank talked about a CRO retreat to take place in mid-May. More information will come from Mindy.

- 4. Next Meeting:** Dylan Kreis noted that the next CROH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. CROH will be discussing the Resilient Seniors Project with Antioch University New England Professor Jason Rhoades and Bugbee Senior Center Executive Director Len Brown.
- 5. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.