

**Draft Minutes of the
Community Resilience Organization Hartford
February 27, 2019**

Members Present: Dylan Kreis, Laura Simon and chair Paige Heverly

Liaison Members Present: Lynn Bohi, Energy Commission and Jon Bouton, Conservation Commission.

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, February 27, 2019 in Room 312. Chair Paige Heverly called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

1. **Minutes of the January 2, 2019 CROH Meeting:** Paige Heverly asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes of January 2nd. Being none, Paige stated that the minutes are accepted as written.
2. **CRO Vermont Grant:** Paige Heverly reported that she prepared a revised draft of the grant application for the CRO VT Community Sufficiency Grant. The grant application now focuses on two events; Hartford Potato Fest and the Community Work Day. Paige noted that the budget for the grant is still \$2,500. Reducing the scope will simplify matters and allow more time to develop the rain garden project and book club. Paige also noted that there is money in the current CROH budget for the speaker's series. Paige noted that the Potato Fest is scheduled to occur at Lyman Point Park on Saturday, September 14th noting that Potato Fest will involve an inter village competition. CROH agreed that the revised scope of work makes sense. Once the Town Finance Director approves the proposal, the grant application will be submitted.
3. **Workshop Series:** Jon Bouton reported that he is working out dates for author Steve Long to conduct a workshop on the Hurricane of 1938 that hit the Connecticut River Valley pretty hard. The discussion will focus on what would happen if a hurricane similar to the 1938 hurricane hit the Upper Valley today. CROH agreed that it is an excellent topic.

Regarding sponsoring the film, "The Reluctant Radical", CROH felt that the film may be too political. CROH agreed that it wants to avoid being categorized as political. As a result, CROH decided not to be a sponsor of the film.

Laura Simon suggested inviting State Senator and Chair of the Climate Caucus to speak at Bugbee Senior Center on Friday, March 22nd. CROH liked the idea. Laura agreed to make the arrangements. Lynn Bohi stated that she will ask the Energy Commission to co-sponsor.

4. **Resilient Seniors Project:** Matt Osborn reported that the Richard Cogliano of the Vermont Emergency Management Department will be speaking on emergency preparedness tomorrow at the Bugbee Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. Matt will be attending.
5. **Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** Matt Osborn reported that staff is waiting to hear about the grant to hire a consultant to assist in the update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Matt agreed to send out an e-mail for the HM Plan working group (Paige, Dylan and John) about scheduling a meeting to begin discussion of the HM Plan update.

6. **Coffee with Committees:** Paige Heverly reported that CROH was invited to have a table with information about CROH on Saturday, March 2nd at 9:00 a.m. prior to the 10:00 a.m. Town Meeting. Matt Osborn agreed to put materials together for the event.
7. **Antioch University Class:** Paige Heverly reported that she is taking a class on Climate Impacts: Vulnerability and Adaptation Planning and Town Manager Leo Pullar agreed that the Town will pay for the class. Paige stated that the class is really good and that the Class provides her with access to climate data. Laura Simon suggested that Paige consider leading a workshop on the topic. CROH liked the idea and Paige agreed to lead the workshop and invite other Upper Valley CRO's.
8. **CROH Openings:** Jack Spicer reported that he submitted an application to the Town Manager's to serve on CROH. Paige Heverly noted that Frederica Graham has expressed an interest to apply. Matt stated that with the additions of Jack and Frederica, there would still be one remaining opening on CROH.
9. **Quarterly CRO Vermont Conference Call:** Matt Osborn reported that he participated in the quarterly CRO Vermont conference call earlier in the month. He stated that he is excited to hear about other CRO's forming in the Upper Valley including Hartland, Sharon and West Norwich. Matt also noted that Barnet's CRO has built partnerships with BALE (Building A Local Economy), the Center for Grassroots Organizations and the Vermont Council on Rural Development.

Matt Osborn reported that a Resilience Conference is scheduled for June 7-8 at Norwich University and the CRO Retreat will take place on the June 8th and focus on leadership and team building.

10. **UVAW Workshop:** Paige Heverly reported that the next Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup workshop will be held on Thursday, April 11th at Hypertherm in Lebanon. The topic is "let's Talk about Climate Change." Matt Osborn suggested that CROH sponsor at the \$100 level. CROH agreed.
11. **Soil Series Sponsorship:** Paige Heverly reported that CROH was asked to by BALE (Building a Local Economy) to be a sponsor for their Soil Series. Page noted that Kye Cochran is attending tonight's workshop, Ground to Body: Soil Health & Human Health. CROH agreed to sponsor the Soil Series at the \$100 level.
12. **Energy Commission/CROH Collaboration:** Lynn Bohi reported that the Hartford Energy Commission (HEC) would like to collaborate with CROH on projects and events. She noted that HEC is particularly interested in the neighborhood captains/groups work that CROH is doing.
13. **Next Meeting:** Paige Heverly noted that the next CROH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27th at 5:00 p.m. Since the Soil Series is the same evening, CROH agreed to conclude the meeting by 6:15 p.m.
14. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.