

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

**Members Present:** Kye Cochran, Frederica Graham, Laura Simon, Jack Spicer and chair Paige Heverly  
**Liaison Members Present:** Simon Dennis, Selectboard.  
**Staff Present:** Planning and Development Services Director Lori Hirshfield 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, March 27, 2019 in Room 312. Chair Paige Heverly called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. She welcomed new members Frederica Graham and Jack Spicer to CROH.

- 1. Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Department of Planning and Development Services Director Lori Hirshfield was present to discuss the Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan (HM Plan). She noted that the HM Plan is one of the responsibilities of CROH. Lori reported that the HM Plan was last updated in 2014 and will expire on June 24, 2019. The Town applied for a grant to hire a consultant to update the Plan, but the application review has been delayed by FEMA and there isn't time to wait any longer so staff will be working on the update. Lori noted that not much has changed since 2014. The update will be primarily limited to reviewing and responding to progress on strategies listed in the Plan. Due to the tight timeframe for the update, the community process will include a meeting with the Selectboard. Paige Heverly asked what CROH can do to assist staff on the update. Matt Osborn noted that CROH has a working group consisting of Paige, John Reid and Dylan Kreis who have volunteered to help with the update. Lori responded that the working group can be involved, but noted the tight timeline. Paige thanked Lori for coming to the CROH meeting.
- 2. Minutes of the February 27, 2019 CROH Meeting:** Paige Heverly asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes of February 27<sup>th</sup>. A correction was noted. Paige stated that the minutes are accepted with the noted correction.
- 3. CRO Vermont Grant:** Paige Heverly reported that she prepared a revised draft of the grant application for the CRO VT Community Sufficiency Grant and it was approved for submission by the Town's Finance Director. She submitted it to Community Resilience Organization Vermont today. The grant application focuses on two events; Hartford Potato Fest and the Community Work Day. Paige noted that the budget for the grant is \$2,500 and combined with CROH funds for advertising.
- 4. Flavors of the Valley:** Paige Heverly reported that the event is scheduled for Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. She noted that CROH will have a table at the Flavors event to raise awareness about Potato Fest and the ease at which potatoes can be grown in backyard gardens. Paige stated that West Lebanon Feed and Supply has agreed to donate 750 pounds of seed potato for Potato Fest, but noted that the potatoes may not be ready for the Flavors event. If the potatoes are not available, coupons will be provided. Kye Cochran and Frederica Graham volunteered to staff the table at the event from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and Paige and Jack Spicer volunteered from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Kye reported that she is working with Laura Simon to set up meetings at the libraries to develop neighborhood captains for Potato Fest. Simon Dennis suggested building potato bins to publicize Potato Fest. CROH liked the idea.

**5. Workshop Series:** Paige Heverly noted the following schedule for CROH workshops and events:

<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Date</u>
• Climate, Resilience & Energy Legislation	Senator Dick McCormack	4/12/19 at 6:30 p.m.
• The Hurricane of 1938	Steve Long	4/23/19 at
• Thinking Like A Watershed (Resilience)	Connor Stedman	5/31/19
• Gardening Event		June, 2019
• Climate Change	Paige Heverly	July, 2019
• Community Day		August, 2019
• Potato Fest		9/14/19

Simon Dennis reported that Sustainable Woodstock agreed to co-sponsor the event and split the cost for the speaker stipend.

- 6. Resilient Seniors Project:** Matt Osborn reported that Richard Cogliano of the Vermont Emergency Management Department was a luncheon speaker at the Bugbee Senior Center on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. He spoke about emergency preparedness for seniors. Matt noted that there was a good turnout. He hopes to tap Richard for future resilience events ahead. He noted that Richard is very enthusiastic and enjoys working with communities.
- 7. Coffee with Committees:** Paige Heverly reported that CROH participated in the pre-town meeting Coffee with Committees event on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. She thanked Jack Spicer for staffing the table with her. For next year, she suggested bringing baked goods.
- 8. UVAW Workshop:** Paige Heverly reported that the next Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup workshop will be held on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Hypertherm in Lebanon. The topic is “Let’s Talk about Climate Change.” Laura Simon and Paige will be attending. Paige noted that registration is already full.
- 9. CROH Openings:** Paige Heverly noted that there is presently one CROH opening remaining.
- 10. Center for Transitional Practice:** Simon Dennis reported that the Center for Transitional Practice has developed a speaker series that focuses on community transition.
- 11. Criticality Analysis:** Simon Dennis reported that with climate change, it is likely that communities will be spending a great deal of time and money recovering from extreme weather events. There was discussion about how Criticality Analysis helps prioritize where to spend money most effectively to reduce impacts and cost. There was further discussion about preparing for climate change and CROH having a role communicating this. Paige Heverly and Jack Spicer agreed and volunteered to periodically attend Selectboard meetings as needed.
- 12. Resilient Vermont Conference:** Paige Heverly reported 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.
- 13. HCC Block Party:** Matt Osborn reported that the annual Community Coalition Block Party will be held on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. CROH has an information table at the event.
- 14. Next Meeting:** Paige Heverly noted that the next CROH meeting will be for Wednesday, 4/24 at 5:00 p.m.
- 15. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.