

**Draft Minutes of the  
Community Resilience Organization Hartford  
April 25, 2018**

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

**Staff Present:** Planner Matt Osborn.

**Others Present:** Paige Heverly.

A Community Resilience Organization Hartford (CROH) Meeting was held at the Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction, Vermont on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 in Room 2. The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

- 1. Minutes of the March 28, 2018 CROH Meeting:** Dylan Kreis asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes of March 28<sup>th</sup>. There were no changes. The minutes were accepted.
- 2. Community Resilience Action Day:** Paige Heverly, who is a soon to be Hartford resident and currently a staff member of Vital Communities, works on energy, transportation and resilience issues. She was present to talk about establishing a community resilience action day in Hartford. Paige will be providing staff support for the Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup (UVAW). Paige thinks a neighborhood action such as cleaning your culverts followed by a block party would be good for neighborhood building. She suggested recruiting community leaders for each of the five villages. Paige spoke about the UVAW work and how they are complimentary to CROH. She noted that UVAW recently completed a strategic planning process and is focused on education and how to get people engaged. She suggested scheduling a community resilience action day in late August to coincide with the past two Resilience Week events. Paige offered to take the lead on it. CROH agreed. Simon Dennis suggested limiting the geographic focus given the size of some of the villages. John Reid noted that the Town Plan Steering Committee is planning village meetings mid-May to mid-June and suggested using these meetings to promote the action day. CROH agreed.
- 3. Monthly Workshops:** Simon Dennis reported that he didn't hear back from resilience writer Chuck Collins about coming to Hartford to lead a workshop. However, he contacted resilience speaker/writer Ben Falk who agreed to lead a workshop in Hartford on June 29<sup>th</sup>. To help move the workshops forward, Dylan Kreis suggested creating a sub-committee. Simon Dennis, Kye Cochran, Laura Simon and Paige Heverly volunteered. Regarding the topic of diversity & inclusivity, John Reid suggested bringing people together for a music event and food vendors. He noted a Parks and Recreation Department sponsored blues concert to be held at Lyman Point Park on August 15<sup>th</sup> as a possibility.
- 4. Resilient Seniors Project:** Matt Osborn reported that he attended the Resilient Seniors Hartford kick-off meeting at the Bugbee Senior Center on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Over 40 seniors were in attendance. Jason Rhoades and Len Brown described the project. Len and Jason encouraged folks to attend the 5/17 Vulnerability Assessment. Matt noted that Jason asked for assistance getting the word out to the community. CROH suggested getting a flier out soon. Matt agreed to contact Jason Rhoades.
- 5. Hartford Town Plan Update:** Matt Osborn reported that the Hartford Town Plan Steering Committee had its first meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Dylan is representing CROH on the Steering Committee.

- 6. Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** Matt Osborn distributed copies of the Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan. He noted that it is set to expire in June, 2019 and needs to be updated. Matt noted that the Plan developed by consultants Peg Elmer Hough and Sharon Murray was well done. He doesn't envision many changes. Paige Heverly recommended addressing erosion. Simon Dennis recommended addressing economic threats. Matt suggested that CROH form a subcommittee to work with Matt on the update. Dylan Kreis, John Reed and Paige volunteered.
- 7. CRO Vermont Annual Retreat:** Matt Osborn reported that the CRO Vermont Annual Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> in the Mad River Valley. Dylan Kreis, Kye Cochran, Paige Heverly and Matt Osborn responded that they plan on attending. Matt suggested carpooling.
- 8. Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup (UVAW) Forum:** Matt Osborn reported that the UVAW spring forum is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at DHMC. The topic is "Impacts of a Changing Climate on the Upper Valley's Farms and Forests". Several CROH members expressed an interest in attending.
- 9. Green-Up Day:** Matt Osborn reported that Green-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. He encouraged CROH members to help spread the word for this important community event.
- 10. Next Meeting:** Dylan Kreis noted that the next CROH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. Simon Dennis requested that we put COAST Flood Analysis on the agenda. CROH agreed. Dylan requested putting the draft bylaws on the agenda. CROH agreed.
- 11. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.