

**Approved Minutes of
Resilient Hartford: A Community Resilience Organization
May 22, 2019**

Members Present: Kye Cochran, Frederica Graham, Laura Simon, Jack Spicer and chair Paige Heverly.

Liaison Members Present: Lynn Bohi, Energy Commission and Simon Dennis, Selectboard.

Staff Present: Planner Matt Osborn.

Others Present: Todd Menees, River Management Engineer Vermont Rivers Program.

A meeting of Resilient Hartford was held at the Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction, Vermont on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 in Room 312. Chair Paige Heverly called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Introductions were made.

1. **Minutes of the April 24, 2019 Resilient Hartford Meeting:** Paige Heverly noted a correction. She asked if there are any other changes to the draft minutes of April 24th. Being none, Paige stated that the minutes are accepted with the noted correction.
2. **Ottauquechee River CRO:** Todd Menees, River Management Engineer for the Vermont Rivers Program was present to discuss watershed cooperation and flood resiliency. He noted that public education and outreach is one of his primary job responsibilities and he is interested in Resilient Hartford's work. Todd presented some publications that could be of interest. He talked briefly about the Trees for Streams (federal) Program to help with flood resilience and the importance of wetlands. Todd noted that he is a resident of Plymouth, Vermont and is interested in the possibility of forming a Community Resilience Organization (CRO) for the Ottauquechee River watershed. Paige Heverly noted that besides Hartford, there is a new CRO in Hartland. She suggested forming a coalition of CROs. Paige liked the stormwater guide that Todd distributed. She requested copies. Simon Dennis noted that it would be great to have copies at the 5/31 workshop by Connor Stedman on "Thinking Like a Watershed." Paige thanked Todd for attending.
3. **Potato Fest:** Paige Heverly reported that CROH is distributing pre-packaged seed potatoes with three varieties at the following locations: the four village libraries, Upper Valley Food Co-op, Sunrise Farm and Mascoma Bank on Sykes Mountain Avenue. She distributed a new poster. To date, 150-200 pounds of seed potatoes have been distributed. Potato Fest is scheduled for Saturday, September 14th from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Lyman Point Park. Kye Cochran noted that the planting season for potatoes in the Upper Valley is early May to late June. CROH members volunteered to distribute flyers about Potato Fest.
4. **Workshop Series:** There was discussion about summer workshops. The following is the schedule:

| <u>Workshop</u> | <u>Speaker</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| • Thinking Like A Watershed (Resilience) | Connor Stedman | 5/31/19 |
| • Gardening Event | Sylvia Davatz | 6/27/19 |
| • Rain Garden or Green Stormwater | Cat Buxton | July, 2019 |
| • Hartford Project Day | | 8/10/19 or 8/17/19 |
| • Potato Fest | | 9/14/19 |
| • Climate Change | Paige Heverly | Fall, 2019 |

5. **Resilient Vermont Conference:** Paige Heverly noted that the Resilient Vermont Conference will be held on Friday, June 7th and Saturday, June 8th at Norwich University in Northfield. Paige noted that she will be attending both days. Matt noted that he registered Paige, Kye Cochran and himself for both days and Jack Spicer and Laura Simon for Saturday. CROH agreed to carpool.
6. **Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Matt Osborn reported that the Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan will expire in late July. Staff is working on the update which will be limited to reviewing and responding to progress on strategies listed in the Plan and other minor changes. Due to the tight timeframe for the update, the community process will include a meeting with the Selectboard. Matt stated that a meeting with the CROH working group will be scheduled in the next two weeks with Lori Hirshfield and Matt to review the changes.
7. **HCC Block Party:** Matt Osborn noted that the Annual Hartford Community Coalition Block Party is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. CROH will have an information table at the event and distribute seed potatoes.
8. **Resilient Hartford Openings:** Paige Heverly noted that there is still one Resilient Hartford opening.
9. **Paige Heverly Announcement:** Paige Heverly announced that she will be leaving her position at Vital Communities and will be working in sustainable agricultural in Bethel. She will still reside in Hartford and continue her role with Resilient Hartford, but will no longer work with the Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup. Vital Communities will fill Paige's position.
10. **CROH Vice-Chair:** Paige Heverly reported that vice chair Dylan Kreis requested to resign in his role as vice chair of CROH. He will still remain as a CROH member. There was discussion about a replacement. Kye Cochran made a motion to appoint Jack Spicer as vice-chair. The motion was seconded by Frederica Graham. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
11. **Next Meeting:** Paige Heverly noted that the next CROH meeting will be for Wednesday, June 26th at 5:00 p.m.
12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.