

**Approved Minutes of the
Community Resilience Organization Hartford
May 23, 2018**

Members Present: Jon Bouton, Kye Cochran, Simon Dennis, John Reid, and Laura Simon.

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, May 23, 2018 in Room 2. The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

- 1. Minutes of the April 25, 2018 CROH Meeting:** Kye Cochran asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes of April 25th. Paige Heverly noted a correction. Being no other corrections, Kye Cochran stated that the minutes are accepted with the noted correction.
- 2. Monthly Workshops:** Simon Dennis reported that the workshop working group met twice and put together the following workshop series for the next six months.

<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Date</u>
• Neighborhood Resilient Groups	Ben Falk	6/29/18
• General Resilience	Chuck Collins	7/27/18
• Community Workday	NA	8/26/18
• Food Preservation	?	9/6/18
• Emergency Disaster Preparedness	?	10/19/18
• Environmental Justice	Ariel King	11/8/18

Simon noted that the working group wanted to know if CROH could delegate to the working group to take care of the logistics of putting on the workshops. CROH agreed.

Regarding the issue of inclusivity and diversity, Simon Dennis suggested co-sponsoring a benefit concert of the group Climbing Poetree from New York City. He noted that we would need the support of the business community to fund the event. Laura Simon said she thinks co-sponsoring would be fine, but it needs to fulfill resilience goals. Paige Heverly responded that she thinks it does. CROH agreed to put feelers out about such an event and continue discussion at next month's meeting.

- 3. Resilient Seniors Project:** Matt Osborn reported that Laura Simon and he attended the Resilient Seniors Hartford 5/17 Vulnerability Assessment meeting at the Bugbee Senior Center. Twelve seniors attended and it was a good discussion. Paige Heverly asked if Antioch Professor Jason Rhoades knows about the CRO Assessment Tool. Matt said he wasn't sure, but will check. Matt stated that the next step for the Resilient Seniors Project is to hold a meeting in June to pilot test the draft survey. He will inform CROH of the date once it has been selected.
- 4. CROH Membership:** Matt Osborn reported that he researched the files and when CROH was formed, there were four members appointed by the Selectboard. He also noted that the Town Charter does not identify CROH as a committee nor the number of members. Matt suggested finishing up the draft CROH Bylaws and decide on the number of members. There was discussion

about official members appointed by the Selectboard and liaison members. It was agreed to continue discussion at next month's meeting.

- 5. Hartford Town Plan Update:** Matt Osborn reported that the Hartford Town Plan Steering Committee has met three times and covered the topics of population, historic resources and housing. The next step is to plan for five village meetings in June. The dates and venues will be firmed up later this week. Laura Simon asked if the CROH neighborhood project could be announced at the meetings. Matt responded that he will discuss with Department of Planning and Development Services Director Lori Hirshfield and the consultants. Kye Cochran suggested that a CROH member attend each of the meetings.
- 6. Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** Matt Osborn reported that he will meet with Lori Hirshfield about the update and then will set up a meeting with the HM Plan working group.
- 7. CRO Vermont Annual Retreat:** Paige Heverly reported that Kye Cochran, Dylan Kreis, Matt Osborn and she attended the CRO Vermont Annual Retreat in the Mad River Valley on May 12th. She stated that there was a presentation on Act 148 (Composting) updates from other CRO's and two work sessions for CROH to start formulating a grant proposal to CRO Vermont. She noted that there was discussion of a Rotary Club tree planting project underway and that we should inquire to see if the White River Junction Rotary will be involved in one locally. Jon Bouton noted that he thinks there might be an opportunity to establish a tree maintenance project at the Maxfield Athletic Fields. He offered to investigate.
- 8. Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup (UVAW) Forum:** Paige Heverly reported that 90 people attended the UVAW spring forum on May 15th at DHMC. The topic was "Impacts of a Changing Climate on the Upper Valley's Farms and Forests". Jon Bouton noted that some of the themes that came out of the session was tree diversity is better as is forest connectivity. Paige noted that UVAW workshops take place every six months. Paige reported that there was discussion about the Hartford community workday at the UVAW meeting and interest by other towns doing a community work day as well.
- 9. Next Meeting:** Kye Cochran noted that the next CROH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27th at 4:30 p.m.
- 10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.