

**Approved Minutes of the  
Community Resilience Organization Hartford  
June 27, 2018**

**Members Present:** Jon Bouton, Kye Cochran, Simon Dennis, 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, June 27, 2018 in Room 2. The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

1. **Minutes of the May 23, 2018 CROH Meeting:** Dylan Kreis asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Being none, Dylan Kreis stated that the minutes are accepted as written.
2. **CROH Bylaws:** Matt Osborn distributed copies of the Draft CROH Bylaws. He stated that CROH was initially created as part of a pilot project four years ago. As a result, Town Manager Leo Pullar would like CROH to go before the Selectboard and seek the establishment of CROH as a permanent Town commission. Matt stated that it makes sense to complete a draft of the CROH Bylaws for the meeting with the Selectboard and include a specific number of CROH members sought. There was a discussion about liaison members. Matt noted that to be a voting member, one must formally apply to serve on the Commission and be appointed by the Selectboard. After a lengthy discussion, CROH agreed to retain liaison members. As to the number of CROH members, the Committee agreed to seven apart from the liaison members. There was discussion regarding the purpose section and the relationship of CROH to the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The consensus was to revise the purpose section. It was agreed to continue discussion at next month's meeting.
3. **Monthly Workshops:** Paige Heverly presented a draft flier of the Community Work Day planned for Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Paige noted that the Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup has partnered with CROH on the event. CROH liked the flier and thanked Paige.

Simon Dennis reported that the Ben Falk workshop is set for Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Bugbee Senior Center at 6:00 p.m. A potluck dinner will take place at 5:15 p.m. A discussion of logistics and publicity ensued. Dylan Kreis reported that he was interviewed on the Keith Hanson radio show about the workshop.

Matt Osborn reported that CROH received an extension for the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund grant to mid-August to include the Ben Falk and Chuck Collins workshops. CROH agreed on the stipend for the workshops.

Simon Dennis reported that progress has been made on a benefit concert by the group Climbing Poetree from New York City. The event is tentatively planned for Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

4. **Resilient Seniors Project:** Matt Osborn reported that the second Resilient Seniors Vulnerability Assessment meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 at the Bugbee Senior Center. During the meeting, Antioch professor and facilitator Jason Rhoades will review how seniors are currently impacted by extreme weather, consider how this might change in the future, and test a survey to identify seniors' priority concerns. Kye Cochran, Jon Bouton and Matt plan to attend.

5. **Hartford Town Plan Update:** Matt Osborn reported that a series of five public forums on the Town Plan update is underway. The forums are designed to seek public input and to be interactive. Consultant Rebecca Sanborn Stone is serving as the facilitator. Dylan Kreis noted that Rebecca does a great job and has done work for CRO Vermont and CROH. Simon Dennis noted that Monday's forum on energy was excellent. Matt noted that over 50 people attended. Three more forums are planned in July.
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. **COAST Flood Analysis:** Simon Dennis reported that with climate change comes more frequent and intense flood events. He stated that with three rivers, Hartford is vulnerable to flood events. Simon stated that a company, COAST, offers assessments with modeling to help with infrastructure planning. The company predicts potential cumulative damages to user-defined assets from storms using a scenario-based approach and evaluates relative costs and benefits of user-defined adaptation strategies. He stated that he would like CROH to acquaint itself with information on COAST for discussion at a future CROH meeting.
8. **Next Meeting:** Dylan Kreis noted that the next CROH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.