

**Approved Minutes of the
Community Resilience Organization Hartford
July 25, 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, July 25, 2018 in Room 2. Chair Dylan Kreis called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

1. **Minutes of the June 27, 2018 CROH Meeting:** Dylan Kreis asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes of June 27th. Being none, Dylan stated that the minutes are accepted as written.
2. **CROH Bylaws:** Matt Osborn distributed copies of the revised Draft CROH Bylaws. CROH reviewed and discussed the bylaws. There was agreement on the purpose section and minor changes to 3.D under membership and 4.A. under Officers. Kye Cochran made a motion to accept the revised bylaws with the revisions. The motion was seconded by Laura Simon and approved. There was discussion about going before the Selectboard in the coming month to seek their approval to establish CROH as a permanent Town commission.
3. **Resilient Seniors Project:** Matt Osborn reported that the second Resilient Seniors Vulnerability Assessment meeting occurred on June 28th at the Bugbee Senior Center. Ten people attended including Jon Bouton and Matt. There was discussion about how seniors are currently impacted by extreme weather and review of a survey to identify seniors' priority concerns. Matt noted that the survey has been released and is available on-line and by paper. He agreed to provide CROH with the survey link. Matt noted that the deadline to submit the survey is August 31st. Efforts are underway to distribute the survey. Laura Simon suggested a flier for the libraries.
4. **Monthly Workshop Series:** Matt Osborn noted that there was a great turnout for the Ben Falk workshop on June 29th at the Bugbee Senior Center. CROH agreed that it was a successful kick-off to the summer/fall workshop series.

The next workshop features Chuck Collins "Know Community Resilience, Know Social Equity" Friday evening, July 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Bugbee Senior Center. There was discussion about last minute publicity and refreshments for the workshop.

Regarding ideas for workshops in early 2019, Paige Heverly noted that book publisher Chelsea Green has published several books on resilience. She suggested holding a book discussion and invite the author. CROH liked the idea. Paige agreed to look into it further.

5. **Community Work Day:** Paige Heverly reported that she heard back from folks in Hartford Village, White River Junction and West Hartford about participating in the Community Work Day on Saturday, August 25th. Projects include composting in Hartford Village and work on the community garden in Ratcliffe Park in White River Junction. She also noted that there is a potential project in Wilder Village and another inquiry about maintenance work in one of the cemeteries. Paige hopes to have a project in Quechee as well. Jon Bouton stated that he is working with the Parks and Recreation Department about tree care at the Maxfield Sport Complex on Community Day. Paige

also noted that there are projects moving forward in other Upper Valley communities. Dylan Kreis suggested a special meeting a week or so prior to the August 25th event. CROH agreed to meeting on Wednesday, August 15th at 4:00 p.m. Matt agreed to reserve a meeting room.

- 6. Hartford Town Plan Update:** Matt Osborn reported that the series of five public forums on the Town Plan update concluded on Monday. He reported that the forums, designed to seek public input and to be interactive, had good attendance, between 30-55 people and generated a lot of productive discussions. Matt noted that staff will be putting together the notes from the forums, develop themes and present to the Town Plan Steering Committee for review. The schedule calls for a Draft Town Plan to be completed by late fall, additional community meetings to review the Draft Plan and the public hearing process to begin late winter with Plan adoption slated for May, 2019.
- 7. Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** Matt Osborn reported that in the coming weeks, he will meet with Lori Hirshfield about the update and then will set up a meeting with the HM Plan working group.
- 8. Hartford Resilience Library:** Simon Dennis noted that CROH has discussed the idea of developing a resilience library. He noted that publisher Chelsea Green offered to donate books to CROH. Locations for the library included the Town Hall, Hartford libraries and the Upper Valley Food Co-op. CROH agreed to pursue the library idea.
- 9. Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup (UVAW) Forum:** Paige Heverly reported that the topic for the UVAW fall forum is “Droughts and Downpours” and will take place in October at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. A specific date is pending.
- 10. Fall Talk at Vermont Law School:** Simon Dennis announced that there will be a talk “Deep Change for Water Justice” at the Vermont Law School on Saturday, November 10th.
- 11. Next Meeting:** Dylan Kreis noted that the next CROH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22nd at 4:30 p.m.
- 12. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.