

**Approved Minutes of the  
Community Resilience Organization Hartford  
August 22, 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, August 22, 2018 in Room 2. Chair Dylan Kreis called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

1. **Minutes of the July 25, 2018 CROH Meeting:** Dylan Kreis asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes of July 25<sup>th</sup>. Being none, Dylan stated that the minutes are accepted as written.
2. **Community Work Day:** Paige Heverly reported that everything is coming together for the five events that are scheduled in Hartford for the August 25<sup>th</sup> Community Day. They include:
  - Compost Skill Share and Meet-up: Hartford Village, led by Bethany Fleishman
  - White River Community Garden Work Day and Blueberry Planting, Ratcliffe Park, led by Jack Spicer
  - Tree Health, Maxfield Sports Complex, Route 5 South, led by Jon Bouton
  - Cemetery Clean Up: Old Poor Farm Cemetery, off Old River Road, led by Arthur Peale
  - Apple Tree Guild Planting at Wild Water Farm, West Hartford led by Kye Cochran

Paige noted that all volunteers as well as town residents are invited to a Community Day potluck, community conversation about resilience and a bonfire hosted by Kye Cochran beginning at 5:00 p.m. at her Joe Ranger Road residence. Matt Osborn agreed to print out the fliers advertising the potluck and the 9/6 food preservation workshop.

Paige also noted that other Community Day events are happening around the Upper Valley, some on Saturday and others in the next few weeks. Paige hopes that Community Day will become an annual event. CROH agreed and thanked Paige for coordinating.

3. **Food Preservation Workshop:** Kye Cochran reported that the Food Preservation Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Bugbee Senior Center. A potluck will precede the workshop at 6:00 p.m. Paige volunteered to prepare a flier for the workshop.
4. **Emergency Preparedness Workshop:** Dylan Kreis reported that the Emergency Preparedness Workshop is scheduled for Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. The Committee agreed to hold the event at the Town Hall. Dylan noted that Alan Beebe requested more information on what CROH would like the workshop to cover. CROH agreed that emergency kits and CPR would be appropriate.
5. **Resilient Seniors Project:** Matt Osborn reported that 60 on-line surveys and 22 hard copy surveys have been filled out to date. The survey will be closed on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Once the results of the survey are tabulated, meeting with seniors are planned. CROH wondered if another meeting with the general public should be scheduled. It was agreed to discuss after the results of the survey are completed.

- 6. Hartford Town Plan Update:** Matt Osborn reported that the series of five public forums on the Town Plan update concluded last month. Matt noted that staff is working with consultant Rebecca Sanborn Stone to summarize the notes from the forums and develop themes from the forums. Dylan Kreis, who sits on the Town Plan Steering Committee, said that the goal is to make the plan more succinct, inviting and user friendly. John Reid stated that the Steering Committee is planning an introductory chapter for the Plan that will clearly articulate the vision for Hartford.
- 7. Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** Matt Osborn reported that he will be meeting with Planning Director Lori Hirshfield about the update and then will set up a meeting with the Hazard Mitigation Plan working group in the coming weeks.
- 8. CROH Bylaws:** Dylan Kreis reported that the Draft CROH bylaws are scheduled to go before the Selectboard this evening. Once approved, the number of Selectboard appointed positions on CROH will go from three to seven. Dylan noted that Paige Heverly has already submitted an application to serve on CROH. Simon Dennis stated that Paige's interview with the Selectboard will be scheduled in the coming weeks. Matt Osborn noted that Frederica Graham also has expressed an interest in applying to serve on CROH.
- 9. Vermont Solarfest:** Laura Simon reported that she attended the annual Vermont Solarfest event. She noted that Connor Stedman, an agroforestry, ecology specialist spoke at the event. Laura recommended Connor as a speaker for a CROH workshop.
- 10. Next Meeting:** Dylan Kreis noted that the next CROH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.
- 11. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.