

**Draft Minutes of  
Resilient Hartford: A Community Resilience Organization  
August 28, 2019**

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

**Liaison Members Present:** Jon Bouton, Conservation Commission and Simon Dennis, Selectboard.

**Staff Present:** Matt Osborn, Town Planner.

**Others Present:** Mindy Blank, Go Cros and Ben Fletcher.

A meeting of Resilient Hartford was held at the Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction, Vermont on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 in Room 312. Chair Paige Heverly called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Introductions were made.

- 1. Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** Paige Heverly asked if there are any additions/changes to the agenda. There were no changes or additions.
- 2. Minutes of the July 24, 2019 Resilient Hartford Meeting:** Paige Heverly asked if there are any changes to the draft minutes of July 24<sup>th</sup>. There were no changes. Paige stated that the minutes are accepted as written.
- 3. Climate Emergency Declaration:** Mindy Blank of Go Cros was present to discuss the Climate Emergency Declaration and noted that it is a bridge between local government and the grassroots movement. She noted that to date, worldwide, 941 communities have made the declaration. In Vermont, Brattleboro and Burlington have discussed it and are moving forward on the declaration. Mindy noted that municipalities can make the declaration as a Selectboard resolution or a petition if supported by 5% of the registered voters to go to a town-wide vote. Matt Osborn noted that the Hartford Energy Commission also is interested in the Climate Emergency Declaration. Mindy noted that Go Cross is tracking the Climate Emergency Declaration. Jon Bouton suggested looking at the specific language. Mindy Blank agreed to forward CROH the draft language of the Burlington and Brattleboro Climate Emergency Declaration.

Mindy Blank reported that there are currently 13 resilience teams in Vermont, some community resilience organizations and others that are not. Mindy also reported that Go Cros received a National Life grant to develop case studies of resilience success stories and to accelerate implementation.

- 4. Potato Festival:** Paige Heverly reported that Potato Fest is scheduled for Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 p.m. Paige has made regular postings on the Hartford List Serve and had a poster printed. Matt Osborn stated that he posted information on the Town website home page and that it is listed on the Valley News Calendar. He suggested paid ads in the Valley News. CROH agreed on ads to appear in the 9/8 and 9/14 Valley News. Paige agreed to get Matt a jpeg file for posting on the Town's Facebook page. Kye Cochran suggested personal invitations. Paige suggested e-mailing network lists. Kye noted that 75 Hartford residents have signed up to grow potatoes. She will send out an e-mail to all who have e-mail addresses. Paige Heverly noted that Potato Fest is a potluck, but CROH needs to provide anchor foods. Kye noted that the event is a zero waste event and has received assistance from Tim McCosker planning for the event. It was agreed to recruit volunteers. Finally, it was agreed to have a musician for the event.

- 5. Rain Garden Workshop:** Paige Heverly reported that the rain garden workshop is scheduled for Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Lyman Point Park and will be led by Cat Buxton. Paige is making a poster for the event.
- 6. Extreme Event Game:** Paige Heverly reported that she is working with Rebecca Sanborn Stone to bring the extreme event game to Hartford. Paige suggested holding the event on a Saturday in early November and invite town Commission members and town staff.
- 7. Winter Projects:** Paige Heverly reported that CROH agreed to support and promote Small Business Saturday.
- 8. Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Matt Osborn reported that FEMA awarded Hartford a grant for the update of the Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan. Matt noted that staff is working on a Request for Proposals to hire a consultant to assist with the update. He stated that the CRO working group on the Hazard Mitigation Plan consisting of Paige Heverly, Dylan Kreis and John Reid, Jack Spicer and Frederica Graham will be working with staff and the consultant. Matt explained the consultant selection process. Simon Dennis suggested including items such as interruptions to the food delivery system or economic collapse to the Plan. Paige Heverly suggested a strong public process. CROH agreed.
- 9. Resilient Hartford Openings:** Paige Heverly noted that there is still one Resilient Hartford opening. Matt Osborn reported that he received an inquiry about the opening.
- 10. Next Meeting:** Paige Heverly noted that the next CROH meeting will be for Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Frederica Graham requested that the 5G be added to the agenda.
- 11. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:44 p.m.