

**Approved Minutes of the
Community Resilience Organization Hartford
September 26, 2018**

Members Present: Jon Bouton, Kye Cochran, Simon Dennis, Paige Heverly, Laura Simon and chair Dylan Kreis.

Staff Present: Assistant Fire Chief Alan Beebe and Planner Matt Osborn.

Others Present: None.

A Community Resilience Organization Hartford (CROH) Meeting was held at the Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction, Vermont on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 in Room 2. Chair Dylan Kreis called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

1. **Minutes of the August 22, 2018 CROH Meeting:** Dylan Kreis asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes of August 22nd. Being none, Dylan stated that the minutes are accepted as written.
2. **CROH Bylaws:** Dylan Kreis reported that the Selectboard adopted the CROH bylaws at their August 22nd meeting increasing the number of CROH members to seven.
3. **CROH Appointment:** Dylan Kreis reported that Paige Heverly was appointed to CROH at the September 11th Selectboard Meeting. CROH welcomed Paige as an official member.
4. **CROH Name:** Matt Osborn noted that there has been discussion about the CROH name. Paige Heverly said she prefers Resilient Hartford. Others agreed. Dylan Kreis suggested Resilient Hartford, a Community Resilience Organization. Matt noted that the name change should be noted in the CROH bylaws. He stated that CROH can change their bylaws, but are required to notify the Selectboard chair at least fifteen days prior to the meeting date that CROH will vote on an amendment. Jon Bouton suggested placing the item on the 10/24 CROH agenda. CROH agreed.
5. **CROH Officer Nominations:** Dylan Kreis reported that after serving three and a half years as chair of CROH, he would like to step down. He stated that he is willing to serve as vice chair. Dylan made a motion to appoint Paige Heverly as chair. The motion was seconded by Laura Simon. The motion was approved by a 3 to 0 vote. Laura made a motion to appoint Dylan as vice chair. The motion was seconded by Paige. The motion was approved by a 3 to 0 vote. Dylan made a motion to appoint Kye Cochran as clerk. The motion was seconded by Paige. The motion was approved by a 3 to 0 vote.
6. **CROH Budget:** Matt Osborn presented the current CROH budget from the Town General Fund:

Fiscal Year 2018/2019

• Continuing Education/Member Training & Mileage	\$360
• Advertising	\$250
• Public Education & Events	\$1,200
Total	\$1,810

There was discussion. Dylan Kreis made a motion to go forward with the same budget as last year. The motion was seconded by Kye Cochran and approved by a 4 to 0 vote.

7. **Community Work Day:** Paige Heverly reported that thirty people participated in six projects in Hartford and that there were spinoff events in other Upper Valley communities. Paige stated that she would like to make this an annual event, but suggested revisiting the date and name of the event.

8. **Food Preservation Workshop:** Kye Cochran reported that there was a relatively small turnout at the September 7th Food Preservation Workshop, but noted that it was a very good workshop. CROH agreed to provide a \$50 stipend to each of the two presenters leading the workshop.
9. **Emergency Preparedness Workshop:** Dylan Kreis reported that October 19th Emergency Preparedness Workshop will be rescheduled to the first week of December. Dylan noted that he is trying to arrange for Richard Cogliano of the Vermont Department of Emergency Management to participate in the workshop.
10. **Upcoming Workshops:** Simon Dennis suggested partnering with other organizations on workshops. CROH agreed that it makes sense. Paige Heverly suggested developing a list of organizations on a google doc. Simon noted that on November 8th, CROH will be holding a workshop on environmental justice with Arielle King. He also noted that he is inquiring about bringing sustainability and permaculture designer Connor Stedman to Hartford in early 2019.

Simon reported that other upcoming events that might be of interest to CROH include Sustainability, Survival and the Politics of Food on October 8th at the Bugbee Senior Center and Deep Change for Water Justice at the Vermont Law School on November 10th.

11. **Resilient Seniors Project:** Matt Osborn reported that over 100 surveys were completed for the Resilient Seniors Project. The next step is to tabulate the results of the survey and schedule the final two meetings. On October 31st, a meeting at the Bugbee Senior Center will review the survey results and develop strategies. A second meeting would share ideas and prioritize them. Matt asked CROH if they have a preference to hold the second meeting at Bugbee Senior Center or open it up to the larger community. CROH thought a second meeting could be done at Bugbee Senior Center and possibly schedule it on a day with a Selectboard meeting and provide a short presentation to the Selectboard in the evening.
12. **Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** Matt Osborn reported that a meeting with the CROH Hazard Mitigation Workgroup (Dylan, Paige and John Reid) will be scheduled in late October.
13. **Fire Department Open House:** Dylan Kreis reported that there will be an open house at the Fire Dept. on October 7th. Since CROH members had other commitments, CROH will not be participating.
14. **Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup Fall Workshop:** Paige Heverly reported that the Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup fall workshop Droughts & Downpours: Managing for Extremes: will be held Tuesday, October 30th at Hypertherm and will include a tour of Hypertherm's rain gardens. Matt Osborn noted that CROH has discussed being a sponsor. Paige noted that there are different levels of sponsorship ranging from \$100 to \$500. Laura Simon made a motion that CROH be a \$100 sponsor for the 10/30 UVAW event. The motion was seconded by Dylan Kreis. The motion passed by a 3 to 0 vote with Paige abstaining.
15. **CRO Vermont Quarterly Conference Call:** Matt Osborn reminded CROH to fill out the doodle poll for the CRO quarterly conference call.
16. **New England Grassroots Environmental Fund Grant:** Matt Osborn reported that he is working on the closeout of the NEGEF grant and asked CROH to provide input on some of the closeout questions. There was discussion. CROH agreed to e-mail Matt their comments by Monday, October 1st.
17. **Next Meeting:** Paige Heverly noted that the next CROH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24th at 4:30 p.m.
18. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.