

**Draft Minutes of
Resilient Hartford: A Community Resilience Organization
October 23, 2019**

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

Liaison Members Present: Lynn Bohi, Energy Commission, Jon Bouton, Conservation Commission and Simon Dennis, Selectboard.

Staff Present: Matt Osborn, Town Planner.

Others Present: None.

A meeting of Resilient Hartford was held at the Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction, Vermont on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 in Room 312. Chair Paige Heverly called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

- 1. Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** Paige Heverly asked if there are any additions/changes to the agenda. Kye Cochran requested that Potato Fest be added to the agenda. The Committee agreed.
- 2. Minutes of the September 25, 2019 Resilient Hartford Meeting:** Paige Heverly asked if there are any changes to the draft minutes of September 25th. Being none, Paige stated that the minutes are accepted as written.
- 3. Extreme Event Game:** Paige Heverly reported that the Extreme Event Game is scheduled for Monday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Hartford High School Cafeteria. Consultant Rebecca Sanborn Stone will lead the event. Paige noted that she participated in the game at the Resilient Vermont Conference in June (led by Rebecca Sanborn Stone) and thought it would be great to bring it to Hartford. Paige described the game as a simulation of an extreme event that is dynamic and fun. Kye Cochran who also participated in the game said that it is a community building exercise where people work together. Jack Spicer agreed and said the game helps conceptualize the different pieces of dealing with an extreme event.

Matt Osborn reported that this week, the Hartford Department Heads are involved in a three-day simulation of an extreme event that is being led by FEMA and the Vermont Emergency Management. Matt noted that Planning and Development Services will seek to incorporate the extreme event game with the current Hartford emergency operations. Hartford commission members and department heads will be invited to the event as well as the general public.

It was agreed to promote the event.

- Paige Heverly agreed to prepare a flyer.
- Matt Osborn volunteered to post the event on the Valley News Calendar and Daily UV and distribute the flyer to the libraries and Bugbee Senior Center. He will also send invitations to Hartford Commissions.
- Kye Cochran and Jack Spicer will post the flyers.
- Laura Simon and Lynn Bohi agreed to post notices on the Hartford List Serve.
- Simon Dennis will announce at the Selectboard Meeting.

CROH agreed to provide refreshments at the event.

- 4. Workshops & CROH's Future Direction:** Kye Cochran reported that the Upper Valley Food Co-op is sponsoring a series of soil workshops and would be interested in Resilient Hartford being a sponsor. CROH agreed to be a sponsor. Kye will follow-up with the Upper Valley Food Co-op.

Paige Heverly noted that CROH needs to decide about its future direction and whether it wants to continue its work sponsoring monthly workshops. There was a discussion regarding holding regular workshops or a week-long resilience week event.

Dylan Kreis wondered whether CROH is trying to do too much. He suggested that CROH decide on one or two things that CROH wants to focus on. CROH agreed. Paige agreed noting that we need to be realistic about CROH's time and focus. Paige stated that she has an interest in food security. Dylan stated that he has an interest in alternative uses for parks. It was agreed that the two issues can be pursued together. Paige suggested that park re-use with food security under it. CROH agreed. Simon Dennis stated that the Selectboard would support that. Jon Bouton suggested that the effort include a component on riparian buffers for the several riverfront parks. CROH agreed. Frederica Graham suggested a statement of purpose. Dylan volunteered. Jack Spicer said that CROH can lead and teach by example.

- 5. Potato Festival:** Kye Cochran reported that the next step is to send an e-mail to those who signed up to grow potatoes. Kye volunteered to write the e-mail and Paige agreed to send the e-mail to participants. Kye suggested that next year, we could challenge other towns as a way of drawing more people for the event. CROH agreed to consider it for next year.
- 6. CRO Quarterly Conference Call:** Matt Osborn reported that the quarterly CRO conference call is scheduled for Monday, October 28th at Noon. Paige Heverly and Matt will be participating.
- 7. Climate Emergency Declaration:** Lynn Bohi reported that the Energy Commission voted to formally appoint Erik Kraus as the representative to the Climate Emergency Declaration Committee. Resilient Hartford agreed to do the same. Laura Simon made a motion to appoint Jack Spicer to the Climate Emergency Declaration Committee. The motion was seconded by Paige Heverly and unanimously approved.
- 8. Resilient Hartford Openings:** Paige Heverly noted that there is still one Resilient Hartford opening.
- 9. Next Meeting:** Paige Heverly noted that with the Thanksgiving holiday, the next Resilient Hartford meeting will be Wednesday, December 4th at 5:00 p.m.
- 10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.