

**Approved Minutes of the  
Community Resilience Organization Hartford  
October 24, 2018**

**Members Present:** Kye Cochran, Laura Simon and chair Paige Heverly

**Staff Present:** 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, October 24, 2018 in Room 2. Chair Paige Heverly called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

- 1. Minutes of the September 26, 2018 CROH Meeting:** Paige Heverly asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes of September 26<sup>th</sup>. Being none, Paige stated that the minutes are accepted as written.
- 2. CROH Proposed Bylaw Amendment:** Matt Osborn presented a draft bylaw amendment to CROH that would change the name from Community Resilience Organization Hartford (CROH) to Resilient Hartford, A Community Resilience Organization. He noted the name “Resilient Hartford” doesn’t convey that it is a Town of Hartford organization. There was discussion. Kye Cochran made a motion to adopt the bylaw amendment as proposed. The motion was seconded by Paige Heverly. The motion passed by a 3 to 0 vote.
- 3. CROH Meeting Schedule:** Matt Osborn noted that it is time to approve the CROH Meeting Schedule for 2019. He noted that this is an opportunity to decide on the meeting date and time. He added that prospective member Frederica Graham can’t make the Wednesday meeting time. There was discussion and consensus to reserve the meeting room for the regular fourth Wednesday 4:30 p.m. meeting time, but make a final decision at next month’s meeting when more members are likely to be present.
- 4. Resilient Seniors Project:** Matt Osborn reported that a meeting to review the survey results and develop strategies is scheduled for the Bugbee Senior Center on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. He noted that Bugbee Senior Center Director Len Brown wasn’t sure about holding a second meeting. Matt suggested making a decision after the 10/31 meeting. CROH agreed.
- 5. CRO Vermont Quarterly Conference Call:** Paige Heverly reported she participated in the CRO Vermont quarterly conference call with Matt Osborn. She gave a report on Community Day and discussed the CROH transition from Resilience Week to monthly workshops. Paige noted that CRO Vermont is updating the Community Resilience Assessment.
- 6. CRO Vermont Grant:** Paige Heverly reported that CRO Vermont has announced a grant application that is due December 1<sup>st</sup>. She suggested a meeting with the workshop working group to discuss possible ideas. Matt Osborn will inquire to see if Selectboard approval of the grant application is required.
- 7. Emergency Preparedness Workshop:** Matt Osborn reported that we are waiting to hear from the Fire Department about a date for the Emergency Preparedness Workshop. He agreed to follow-up with the Fire Department.

- 8. November Workshop:** Matt Osborn reported that the next Resilience U workshop is scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> and will feature Arielle King on Environmental Racism and Community Resilience. Matt noted that Town Manager Leo Pullar thought the November 8<sup>th</sup> workshop seemed more aligned with of the Committee on Racial Equity & Inclusion than with CROH. Matt noted that CROH needs to make sure workshop topics are tied to CROH's charge in its bylaws. Kye Cochran noted that CROH is committed to building community and inclusion. Matt suggested that CROH could have been a co-sponsor of the event, but the Committee on Racial Equity & Inclusion probably would have been the more appropriate Town commission to have taken the lead.
- 9. Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** Matt Osborn reported that staff has applied for a state grant to hire a consultant to assist in the update Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Town should be notified in the coming weeks.
- 10. 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 30<sup>th</sup> at Hypertherm and will include a tour of Hypertherm's rain gardens. She noted that it is an excellent program and should be an informative workshop. Registration is full. Kye Cochran stated that she is registered. Laura Simon said she is on the waiting list.
- 11. Next Meeting:** Paige Heverly noted that the next CROH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.
- 12. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.