

**Approved Minutes of the
Community Resilience Organization Hartford
February 24, 2016**

Members Present: Kye Cochran, and Chair Dylan Kreis.

Staff Present: Interim Fire Chief Scott Cooney and Planner Matt Osborn.

Others Present: None.

A Community Resilience Organization Hartford (CROH) Meeting was held at the Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, WRJ, Vermont, on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 in the Selectboard Meeting Room. Chair Dylan Kreis called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Matt Osborn noted that Laura Simon and Jon Bouton will not be attending. He also noted that Planning Commission representative to CROH, Rich Kozlowski, recently stepped down from the Planning Commission. Therefore, we will need to find a replacement for him. Dylan Kreis acknowledged how busy Interim Fire Chief Scott Cooney is. He asked Scott if there could be a representative from the Fire Department when Scott is unable to attend CROH meetings. Scott agreed.

1. **Review of the January 27, 2016 CRO Meeting Minutes:** Dylan Kreis asked if there are any changes or additions to the Draft Meeting Minutes of January 27th. Since there are no corrections or additions, Dylan stated that the minutes are accepted as written.
2. **Vermont River Corridors Meeting:** Matt Osborn reported that Kye Cochran and he attended a river corridors meeting at the Vermont League of Cities and Towns last month. He stated that there was a great turnout. He stated that the main point that he came out of the meeting with was that rivers move their location over time and we need to learn to live with that fact in order to be more resilient. Kye noted that it was refreshing to see so many people there who care about rivers.
3. **Hartford Community Coalition Meeting:** Dylan Kreis reported that he attended a Hartford Community Coalition meeting last month. He noted that discussion focused on indicators that the Committee will be using in their work. He discussed several of them. He stated that the HCC is applying results based accountability to their work.
4. **Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Dylan Kreis stated that he went through the Hazard Mitigation Plan and came up with a list of implementation measures that he thinks CROH could consider taking on in their work. There was discussion. Matt Osborn noted that he will be meeting with Department Director Lori Hirshfield and provide a status update of the implementation measures in the Plan. The Committee agreed that it would be helpful. It was agreed to have this item on next month's agenda and ask everyone to be prepared to discuss in detail.
5. **Hazard Awareness Week:** Dylan Kreis suggested sponsoring a Hazard Awareness week August 22-27 with daily sessions on a variety of topics culminating with a large event on Saturday, August 27th acknowledging the fifth anniversary of the Tropical Storm Irene Flood.

CROH would invite several partnering organizations to participate. Scott Cooney noted that it will require a lot of planning and suggested beginning work to organize it. The Committee agreed.

- 6. Idea Boards Update:** Kye Cochran reported that she obtained a tripod for the Idea Board that will go in the Tip Top Building. Matt Osborn reported that he isn't sure that the Idea Boards are very effective. He noted that the libraries are not getting many comments and the comments for the current question at the Town Hall have not been very pertinent. He suggested continuing to post the CROH questions on the List Serv.
- 7. Next Meeting:** Dylan Kreis reported that the next CROH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23rd.
- 8. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.