

**Approved Minutes of the
Community Resilience Organization Hartford
April 6, 2016**

Members Present: Jon Bouton, Kye Cochran, Laura Simon and Chair Dylan Kreis.

Staff Present: Emergency Services Lieutenant David Shropshire 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, April 6, 2016 in Meeting Room 2. Chair Dylan Kreis called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. David Shropshire announced that he is filling in for Scott Cooney.

1. **Review of the March 23, 2016 CRO Meeting Minutes:** Dylan Kreis asked if there are any changes or additions to the Draft Meeting Minutes of March 23rd. Since there are no corrections or additions, Dylan stated that the minutes are accepted as written.
2. **Hazard Awareness Week:** Dylan Kreis stated that the Committee is planning for the Hartford Hazard Awareness Week event to be held August 22-27.

Laura Simon reported that she talked to Bugbee Senior Center Executive Director Len Brown about appropriate topics for seniors. Len noted that workshops for seniors are normally held during the day. He suggested that the workshop should be combined with another activity to help encourage a good turnout. Laura stated that she would like to investigate emergency kits for seniors. She also talked about developing a list of vulnerable seniors. David Shropshire responded that the Fire Department already has a list. In addition, there is a liaison with the Police Department. David also noted that the Fire Department works closely with Health Care and Rehabilitation Services. Laura said that it would be helpful to have neighborhood leaders involved who know the neighborhood situation. She added that it would be helpful if we could promote recognition and recruitment of neighborhood leaders/watch captains. David responded that it sounds like the Police Department Neighborhood Watch Program. Kye Cochran suggested organizing a neighborhood strong effort to identify neighborhood resource people in the event of a natural or manmade disaster.

David Shropshire stated that FEMA has Meals Ready to Eat. These were used during the Irene Flood. Dylan Kreis added that the Red Cross provides emergency kits. Laura Simon volunteered to contact Linda Nordman of the Red Cross to inquire about possible Red Cross classes for Hazard Awareness Week and the emergency kits.

Kye Cochran suggested asking Mark Kutalowski to teach a class on sustainability or resilience. She also noted that Transition Town members are interested in teaching classes as well. She will try to set up a Transition Town meeting prior to the 4/27 CROH Meeting.

Dylan Kreis stated that the end of the Hazard Awareness Week large event should be festive and include food and music. The Committee agreed. He suggested asking the Ottauquechee Natural Resource Conservation District to bring their flood demonstration Table.

Regarding possible names for the Hazard Awareness Week, Jon Bouton came up with the following list:

- Hartford Community College
- Three Rivers Community Celebration
- Five Villages Celebrate Hartford
- Hartford Community Seminars
- Hartford Population-Up Seminars

Laura Simon came up with the following list:

- Hartford Strong
- Resiliency Week
- Hartford Resiliency Week: Building Strength for the Future

Matt Osborn suggested thinking about names and continue discussing at the 4/27 CROH Meeting. The Committee agreed.

Kye Cochran reported that she edited Dylan Kreis's statement of purpose for the Hazard Awareness Week. She also reported that she has been working on ideas for a logo. She presented a draft of a sketch of a Bridge with a link to the five villages and a theme of bridges for Hazard Awareness Week. David Shropshire stated that he really likes the Hartford bridges concept. The Committee agreed. Kye offered to talk to Michelle Ollie of the Center for Cartoon Studies about the possibility of an art student developing the concept into a logo. The Committee agreed.

Matt Osborn stated that Scott Cooney had offered the services of the Fire Department in teaching classes during the Hazard Awareness Week. He stated that it would be helpful for planning purposes if the Fire Department could provide a list of courses that they could teach. David Shropshire agreed. He also suggested contacting Police Chief Phil Kasten about courses that the Police Department could teach. Dylan Kreis volunteered to contact Chief Kasten.

- 3. CROH Mission Statement, Objectives & Actions:** Matt Osborn reported that he will work with Jon Bouton on revisions to the mission statement, objectives and actions.
- 4. Resilient Vermont Conference:** Dylan Kreis reported that the Resilient Vermont Conference is scheduled for May 19th & 20th in Northfield.
- 5. Next Meeting:** Dylan Kreis reported that the next regularly scheduled CROH meeting is Wednesday, April 27th.
- 6. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.