

**Approved Minutes of the  
Community Resilience Organization Hartford  
May 25, 2016**

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

**Staff Present:** Planner Matt Osborn.

**Others Present:** Selectboard Liaison Simon Dennis.

A Community Resilience Organization Hartford (CROH) Meeting was held at the Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, WRJ, Vermont, on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 in Room 317. Dylan Kreis called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

1. **Review of the May 11, 2016 CRO Meeting Minutes:** Dylan Kreis asked if there are any corrections to the Draft Meeting Minutes of May 11<sup>th</sup>. There were no corrections. The minutes were accepted as written.
2. **Resilient Vermont Conference:** Matt Osborn reported that he attended the Resilient Vermont Conference last Friday and Saturday at Norwich University in Northfield. He noted that it was an excellent conference and there was a large turnout on Friday. On Friday, Matt stated that he attended several good workshops. He reported that Jon Bouton, Kye Cochran and Dylan Kreis joined him for the Community Resilient Organization track on Saturday, which he characterized as very productive sessions for CROH to prepare for the Resilient Week in August. CROH members agreed.
3. **CROH Resilience Week:** Dylan Kreis noted that CROH Committee is planning for the Community Resilience Week event to be held August 22-27.
  - a. Logo: Kye Cochran reported that she continues to work on the CROH logo and presented the updated draft. The Committee agreed that they liked it. Kye stated that she will work with the Center for Cartoon Studies and Simon Dennis on the final design.
  - b. Name for the Event: There was discussion about a possible name for the CROH resilience week. The Committee agreed on Hartford Resilience Week: Building Skills and Neighborhood Connections. Simon Dennis volunteered to work with Dylan on a save the date card for distribution at the 6/2 Block Party. It was agreed that a name should be selected for the big community event to be held on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. The Committee agreed on Celebration of All Things Resilient.
  - c. Workshop Selection: Kye Cochran presented a draft list of possible workshops for the Resilience Week.
    - Soil Symposium: Cat Buxton, Karen Gainey & Didi Pershouse
    - Teaching Each Other: Skill Share
    - Foodwalk: Mark Kutolowski
    - Growing in Winter: Chuck Wooster
    - Drying Food: Kye Cochran
    - Energy Workshop: Hartford Energy Commission

- Memories of the Irene Flood Five Years Later: Cathy Geiger
- Fire Safety for Senior Citizens: Hartford Fire Department

Matt Osborn reported that he contacted the Fire Department about possible workshops that they could teach. They responded that they will send us the list.

Simon Dennis suggested kicking off Resilience Week with a panel discussion of different aspects of resilience to be held on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Committee agreed.

Dylan Kreis requested that descriptions of the sessions and biographies of the speakers be developed.

- d. **Project Planning:** Dylan Kreis presented an information sheet to help plan for the CROH Resilience Week.

Regarding the Hartford Community Coalition Block Party on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dylan stated that he can attend. He asked CROH members who can attend. Kye, Laura and Matt stated that they plan on attending. Jon Bouton stated that he will be staffing the Conservation Commission table. Kye Cochran suggested having a sheet available for neighborhood leader recruitment.

Dylan Kreis reported that he has been in touch with Ben & Jerry's and L.L. Bean and the New England Grass Roots Network on possible grants for the Resilience Week. He asked the Committee to start putting together a budget that he can use to apply for grants.

Matt Osborn distributed a brainstorm list from the CRO workshop Saturday for the Resilience Week main event. Dylan Kreis noted that the session asked for a “how might we” statement. CROH responded, “How might we design an event that will attract a large and diverse crowd?”

Matt Osborn responded that he requested use of the Barwood Arena from the Parks and Recreation Department as a back-up in the event of rain. He will fill out the application form for Lyman Point Park and Barwood Arena that is required by the Hartford Parks and Recreation Department for use of their facilities.

Jon Bouton volunteered to arrange for a river table that simulates how a river works for the event. Jon also suggested the need to recruit volunteers to make the event successful. The Community agreed.

- 4. Next Meeting:** Matt Osborn noted that the next CROH meeting will be on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.
- 5. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.