

**Approved Minutes of the
Community Resilience Organization Hartford
June 8, 2016**

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

Staff Present: Captain Chris Dube of the Hartford Fire Department and Planner Matt Osborn.

Others Present: Selectboard Liaison Simon Dennis and Hartford Energy Commission member Cathy Geiger.

A Community Resilience Organization Hartford (CROH) Meeting was held at the Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, WRJ, Vermont, on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 in Room 317. Dylan Kreis called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

1. **Review of the May 25, 2016 CRO Meeting Minutes:** Dylan Kreis asked if there are any corrections to the Draft Meeting Minutes of May 25th. Kye Cochran noted two corrections. The minutes were accepted with the noted corrections.
2. **Hartford Community Coalition Block Party:** The Committee discussed the 6/2 Hartford Community Coalition Block Party and agreed it was a very successful event that CROH can learn from in preparation of the Community Resilience Celebration planned for August 27th. The Block Party had a great turnout and many organizations participated with information tables. Kye Cochran liked the fact that there were activities for children. Dylan Kreis stated that he doesn't think that the resilience celebration needs to be as large an event. The Committee agreed. Simon Dennis suggested shrinking the space by moving tables closer together to make it more intimate. Dylan suggested that the food for the event have a resilience message and that we have a food manager for the event. Kye suggested asking the Strafford Organic Creamery for donations. Jon Bouton suggested keeping the food simple. Simon suggested erecting a temporary brick oven for the event.
3. **Hartford Resilience Week: Building Skills and Neighborhood Connections**
 - a. Panel Discussion: Dylan Kreis reported that he spoke to incoming Town Manager Leo Pullar about moderating the panel discussion planned for Monday, August 22nd. Leo agreed. Simon Dennis suggested spending time to think about core themes and speakers for the panel discussion since resilience means different things to different people. The Committee agreed.
 - b. Events: Regarding a Fire Department event, Captain Chris Dube of the Fire Department commented that recovery from a disaster has short term, mid-term and long-term recovery components. He suggested the Fire Department conduct a workshop on Preparedness 101 that focuses on short-term and mid-term recovery. The Committee agreed. Chris also noted that the Fire Department will conduct a workshop at the Bugbee Senior Center directed at seniors and safety. Chris suggested involving the Red Cross in the Resilience Week activities. Chris concluded by noting that people are visual and suggested a display on resilience.

Simon Dennis suggested putting together a resilience brainstorming map and making it part of the next meeting's agenda. The Committee agreed.

Cathy Geiger reiterated that the Energy Commission will lead an energy workshop. She also volunteered to show the movie on the Irene Flood in two locations CROH Resilience Week followed by an explanation of the science behind the flood. She requested that one of the events be held at the West Hartford Library and the other in Hartford Village or the Town Hall. Matt Osborn agreed to inquire about the venue. He suggested that all five villages be represented in selecting venues for CROH Week.

Kye Cochran and Laura Simon agreed to meet as the workshop committee before the next CROH Meeting and work on event descriptions and speaker biographies and that the Committee firm-up workshop selection.

Chris Dube stated that CROH and the Hartford Community Coalition have a lot in common. Simon Dennis agreed noting their experience in running successful events and getting things done. He suggested establishing a partnership with them. The Committee agreed. Jon Bouton agreed to contact Emily Mustey of HCC.

Matt Osborn stated that he attended an event at King Arthur Flour and that music was performed by Jason Cann. Matt said the music was really good and suggested hiring Jason for the CROH Celebration.

- c. **Publicity:** Dylan Kreis suggested posting the hold the date CROH card on the town website and Facebook page. Chris Dube suggested e-mailing the card to Fire Chief Scott Cooney to add to the Fire Department Facebook page. Matt Osborn suggested setting up a meeting with Valley News reporter Matt Hongoltz-Hetling to discuss resilience week. Simon Dennis suggested holding off on that until the program is firmed up. The Committee agreed. Dylan suggested advertising in the Valley News and regular postings on the Hartford List Serv.
 - d. **Funding Sources:** Dylan Kreis reported that he has been in touch with Ben & Jerry's, L.L. Bean, Mascoma Bank and the New England Grass Roots Network on possible grants for the Resilience Week. Cathy Geiger suggested looking into funding from Hypertherm and King Arthur Flour as well. Dylan said that he will work on writing grant applications and pursuing donations.
- 4. Next Meeting:** Matt Osborn noted that he will be on vacation for the regularly scheduled 6/22 CROH Meeting and may not be able to make the meeting. As for the date for the meeting, there was discussion about moving it to another day the week of 6/20. Dylan Kreis stated that he will send the Committee a doodle poll about availability that week.
- 5. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.