

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

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

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Department Director Tad Nunez and Planner Matt Osborn.

Others Present: Hartford Community Coalition member Emily Mustey and 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, July 6, 2016 in Meeting Room 2. Dylan Kreis called the meeting to order at 4:30.

1. Review of the June 8th and June 21, 2016 CRO Meeting Minutes: Dylan Kreis asked if there are any corrections to the Draft Meeting Minutes of June 8 and June 21st. There were no changes and the minutes were accepted as written.

2. Hartford Resilience Week: Building Skills and Neighborhood Connections:

- a. Learning from the HCC Block Party Success: Emily Mustey of the Hartford Community Coalition was present to provide advice to the CROH regarding hosting a large community event. Last month, HCC hosted its second annual block party. Emily noted that although the HCC and CROH have a different mission, HCC (health & wellness) and CROH (resilience), both groups are committed to community building. She thinks that a collaboration will benefit both organizations. Emily stated that HCC would like to see more community events. Simon Dennis suggested a deeper collaboration with HCC. The Committee agreed.

Emily reported that providing free food is a big part of HCC's Block Party success. She thanked the White River Rotary for providing dinner for last month's Block Party. She noted that HCC tried to reach all age groups, but noted that there were not many senior citizens at the Block Party. Emily suggested that CROH develop a schedule and get information to the Listserv as soon as possible. She offered her assistance with logistics. Emily noted that the HCC Board has discussed branding the term "block party".

Regarding funding, Emily noted that the HCC had some small grants which were administered through Listen since HCC does not have its 501(C)3 designation. Dylan Kreis noted that Community Resilience Organization Vermont recently received its 501(C)3 designation. He noted that he has applied to several organizations for funding.

- b. Large Community Event: Matt Osborn noted that he filled out the required event permit application with the Parks and Recreation Department. He noted that as a Selectboard appointed Commission, CROH is a town entity and therefore does not need insurance for the event.

Tad Nunez asked the Committee if this is to be a one-time or annual event. Dylan Kreis responded that he hopes it will be an annual event. Tad stated that CROH is sponsoring ten workshops for Hartford Resilience Week. He thinks that is enough to take on and suggested holding off on a large community event until next year. Emily Mustey stated that she foresees HCC partnering for a summer event the summer of 2017. There was discussion about whether to postponing the large community event until 2017. Matt Osborn noted that there is a multi-town resilience event scheduled in South Royalton on August 28th. He stated that CROH could always participate in the large community event. There was consensus to postpone the large event until 2017. Simon Dennis suggested considering a small-scale celebration on Saturday, August 27th. The Committee agreed to continue discussion at the next CROH meeting.

- c. Workshops: There was a discussion regarding the dates and times of the workshops and some revisions since the June 21st workshop schedule. Emily Mustey suggested providing an opportunity for donations of those attending the workshops.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	To Do's
8/22	8/23	8/24	8/25	8/26	8/27	
Resilience Panel 7-9 @ Town Hall	Memories of Irene II 7-9 @ West Hartford Library		Preparedness 101 for Seniors 12:00 @ Bugbee	Memories of Irene, Five years later 7-9 @ Town Hall	Teaching Each Other, Skill Share 2:30 - 4:00 @ Town Hall	The Bugbee Center has signed for Monday, +Thursday and Friday
	Energy Independence 6:00 - 7:00 @ Town Hall	Collapse and Opportunity 7:00 - 9:00 @ Bugbee	Preparedness 101 7-9 @ Town Hall		Growing in Winter 5:00-6:30 @ Sunrise	
		Wild Edibles Food walk 4:00 - 5:00 @ Sunrise	Soil Symposium 6:00 -8:30 @ CTP		Resiliency Celebration 4:30 - 6:00	

Matt Osborn suggested holding events at the Town Hall first and using the Bugbee Senior Center as a back-up. The Committee agreed.

Dylan Kreis and the Committee thanked Emily for attending the meeting.

- d. Funding Sources: Dylan Kreis reported that he should hear about funding in the next few days. He also noted that CRO Vermont is waiting to see if they received a grant.

4. **Next Meeting**: Simon Dennis and Dylan Kreis are unable to meet on Wednesday. The Committee agreed to meet on Thursday, July 14th at 5:00 p.m.

5. **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.