

**Approved Minutes of the  
Community Resilience Organization Hartford  
August 3, 2016**

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

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Leo Pullar and Planner Matt Osborn.

**Others Present:** Selectboard Liaison Simon Dennis and Linda Nordman of Red Cross.

A Community Resilience Organization Hartford (CROH) Meeting was held at the Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, WRJ, Vermont, on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 in Meeting Room 2. The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

**1. Hartford Resilience Week: Building Skills and Neighborhood Connections:**

- a. Workshops: There was a discussion regarding the workshop schedule and revisions since the July 27<sup>th</sup> workshop. All workshops have been confirmed and the Committee is obtaining the remaining workshop descriptions and biographies from the speakers. Jon Bouton will be sending an update of the bios and descriptions on Google Docs.

**Updated Schedule**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8/22	8/23	8/24	8/25	8/26	8/27
Resilience Panel Discussion Leo Pullar, Will Allen, Kevin Geiger & Martha McDaniel, 7-9 @ Bugbee Senior Ctr. 262 N. Main St WRJ (SD)	Weather, Climate & Resilience: Memories of Irene; Cathy Geiger 6:00-7:00 @ Hartford Town Hall 171 Bridge St. WRJ (LS)	Collapse and Opportunity Karl Rosengrant 7:00 - 9:00 @ Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge St. WRJ (SD)	Preparedness 101 for Seniors Hartford Fire Department 12:30 @ Bugbee Senior Center 262 N. Main St. WRJ (DK)	Weather, Climate & Resilience: Memories of Irene; Cathy Geiger 6:00 -7:00 @ W. Hartford Library 5133 Route 14 W. Hartford (LS)	Teaching Each Other, Skill Share Sharon Mueller 3:00 - 4:00 @ Quechee Library 1957 Quechee Main St. Quechee (KC)_
	Energy Independence Alan Johnson 7:00 - 8:00 @ Hartford Town Hall 171 Bridge St. White River Junction (LS & DK)		Wild Edibles Food Walk Mark Kutolowski 3:00 - 5:00 @ Center for Transformational Practice, 149 Latham Works Lane WRJ (KC)		Growing in Winter Chuck Wooster 3:00-4:30 @ Sunrise Farm 1759 N. Hartland Road (Route 5 South) WRJ (KC)
			Symposium on Soil 5:30 -7:30, Cat Buxton & Didi Pershouse @ Center for Transformational Practice 149 Latham Works Lane WRJ (SD) Potluck		Celebration of Community Resilience: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Hartford Town Hall – 171 Bridge St. WRJ Tree Planting, Irene Storytelling, Keynote- Peg Elmer Hough Music & Food
			Preparedness 101 Hartford Fire Department 7:00-8:30 p.m. @ Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge St. WRJ (DK)		

- b. Community Celebration: Matt Osborn reported that he spoke to Peg Elmer Hough about ending the Story Telling with her own story of Irene and transitioning into the keynote. The Committee agreed that it was a good transition. Matt thought a 10-minute keynote was sufficient. Simon Dennis said that Peg should focus her discussion on why resilience matters. The Committee agreed.

Simon Dennis suggested beginning the discussion on the Red Cross part of the event with Linda Nordman of Red Cross who was present. There was discussion. The Committee agreed that a 5-minute presentation was suitable and it should focus on “this is what we do”. Linda said the Red Cross is looking for volunteers. Matt Osborn suggested bringing literature about Red Cross to the event. Laura Simon suggested providing the small FEMA books on emergency preparations. The Committee agreed.

Simon Dennis asked if the tree planting request has been approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Matt Osborn responded that Tad Nunez is on vacation and that Matt will follow-up with Tad when he returns next week.

The Committee discussed the details of the event and came up with the following schedule:

- Tree Planting: Apple Corps (outside)
  - Dedication: Dylan Kreis (outside)
  - Story Telling: Memories of Irene (move inside, with music)
  - Keynote Speaker: Peg Elmer Hough (inside)
  - Red Cross: This is What We Do: David Muse or other FEMA representative (inside)
  - Photo Montage, River Table Demonstration, Food, Music & Socializing
- c. Publicity: Matt Osborn reported that the Resilience Week Schedule has been posted on the town website. He also noted that the Resilience Week announcement was moved to the top of Town News. Laura Simon reported that the Resilience Week Schedule was posted on the Hartford List Serv. Matt Osborn suggested adding the description and biographies to the schedule and create one pdf file for the Town home page. The Committee agreed.

Jon Bouton suggested posting one workshop a day on the Hartford and Upper Valley List Serv. The Committee agreed. Laura Simon and Jon agreed to split the responsibility for posting.

Simon Dennis suggested hiring a local artist to create a poster and pay them a small fee. Matt Osborn responded that he will discuss with Department of Planning and Development Services Director Lori Hirshfield.

Simon Dennis suggested posting the workshops on the Valley News Calendar. Matt Osborn volunteered to do that.

Simon Dennis suggested a trifold flyer for Resilience Week events. Laura Simon volunteered to work on it. Matt Osborn agreed to send Laura a trifold template

Matt Osborn reported that he requested an interview with Valley News reporter Matt Hongoltz-Hetling, but has not heard back from him. He also suggested placing a transaction ad or two in the Valley News. Jon Bouton suggested placing the ad on a Saturday. Matt suggested Saturday, 8/13 and Saturday, 8/20. The Committee agreed.

- d. Fundraising: Matt Osborn reported that CROH has a budget of \$460 for the entire fiscal year. We can use funds for the Resilience Week, but expenditures must meet the Town procurement requirements. Laura Simon reported that she is submitting an application for funding from King Arthur Flour.
3. **Next Meeting**: Matt Osborn asked about a date for the next meeting. The Committee agreed to meet on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.
4. **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.