

Hartford Energy Commission Resilience Week Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2016
Hartford Town Hall

Present: Erik Kraus, Cathy Geiger, Lynn Bohi,; Jon Boutin community resilience Organization (CROH) liaison; Steve Spaatz, Efficiency Vermont (EVT); Alan Johnson, Selectboard liaison

Erik called the meeting to order at 4:03.

Erik had hoped Dylan Kreis, Chair of CROH, could attend. Upon finding he could not, Erik sent a list of questions, which Dylan answered. Erik read both documents to Steve. In short, CROH will publicize all events, the audience will mostly be residents, and the event is in Town Hall, but HEC should bring any equipment needed.

Jon described the week to Steve. CROH was appointed by the Selectboard several years ago. The last week in August is the 5th anniversary of Irene. This will be a weeklong series of workshops for residents to discuss resilience, using a broad definition of resilience.

EVT workshops range from simple air tightening to in depth how to reach net zero.

Cathy described her weather talk which is the hour prior to Alan and Steve's talk. She will talk about weather, climate and changes to the planet for about 15 minutes. Then she will show a movie about the Irene storm.

Alan is thinking about resilience in both the immediate and long term. People should know who and where necessary items are in town. CROH would like to encourage neighborhood parties which would identify resources. Ideas were discussed about how to get the audience involved. Included were: a worksheet to list energy use for heat, hot water, cooking, and electricity; placement of mechanics like furnace or water heater; how to find the most efficient appliances; resilient mechanicals and fuels; define deep energy retrofit program and how people can make changes; include information about the Comprehensive Energy Efficiency Program (CEEP) and the Vital Communities weatherize program being developed; mention the money savings in making changes and how to prioritize items; how to plan for long term issues such as replacing furnace or hot water heater; and healthy homes include good air quality. Out of all this came 1. worksheets about the age of appliances (interactive) and how much energy a house uses; 2. long term thinking about replacing mechanicals; 3. funding opportunities; and 4. sign up for programs. Also included could be handouts outlining Zero Energy Now, Efficiency Vermont, the Vital Communities weatherization program, and Neighbor Works Heat Squad.

Alan outlined his thinking. Institutional changes are needed; exponential change, energy is the keystone to solving many other problems, solutions to problems like wind, the energy grid, the future.

Needed: an outline of activities and assign time period to each

- Energy use in house
- Appliance age

- Cost of energy

Responsibilities assigned

CROH will take care of set up needs. This includes Selectboard room, no tables just chairs, TV, Alan and Steve to bring laptops.

Also need Steve's biography

Lynn and Erik will write a description of the workshop

The meeting adjourned at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Bohi, Clerk