

**Draft Minutes of the
Community Resilience Organization Hartford
January 3, 2018**

Members Present: Kye Cochran, Simon Dennis, John Reid and chair Dylan Kreis.

Staff Present: Planner Matt Osborn.

Others Present: None.

A Community Resilience Organization Hartford (CROH) Meeting was held at the Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction, Vermont on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 in Room 2. The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

1. **Minutes of the December 13, 2017 CROH Meeting:** Dylan Kreis asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes of December 13th. John Reid noted an addition. Being no other changes, Dylan stated that the minutes are adopted with the noted addition.
2. **Future Direction of CROH:** Simon Dennis started by reviewing the minutes of the December 13th discussion and noting that at the end of the meeting, there was a lack of consensus on whether to continue with holding the Resilience Week event. The options included transitioning to a one-day festival or holding monthly workshops. There was discussion about the amount of effort required for planning Resilience Week and the ability of CROH to work on other activities. The consensus was to not hold Resilience Week in 2018 and to transition to monthly workshops.

Simon Dennis suggested developing a CROH statement. The Commission agreed. The following is a draft.

CROH Statement: Recognizing the threats of floods, severe weather events, economic disturbances and interruptions of basic needs such as food, water, heat, communication and electricity, the Community Resilience Organization of Hartford seeks to promote community interdependence and preparedness, through sponsoring, a series of monthly workshops, supporting neighborhood resiliency groups and partnering with resilience building organizations and initiatives in the region.

Simon noted that he will post the CROH Statement on Google Docs for others to edit.

3. **CROH Draft Bylaws:** Matt Osborn distributed draft CROH Bylaws that were based on the Hartford Energy Commission Bylaws. There was discussion. Dylan Kreis recommended including reference to the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Commission agreed. It was also agreed to continue discussion at the February CROH Meeting.
4. **Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup Meeting:** Dylan Kreis reported that he was invited to attend the January 24th Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup Board Meeting.
5. **Next Meeting:** The next CROH Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31st. Dylan Kreis suggested including the following items on the agenda: Review of 8/25 Community Forum Comments, Monthly Workshop Series and CROH Networking Discussion. The Commission agreed.
6. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.