

**Draft Minutes of
Resilient Hartford: A Community Resilience Organization
March 24, 2021**

Members Present: Marsha Autilio, Marcia Gauvin, Frederica Graham, Leah Mosenthal and Chair Kye Cochran.

Liaison Members Present: Lynn Bohi, Energy Commission and Ally Tufenkjian, Selectboard.

Staff Present: Matt Osborn, Town Planner.

Others Present: None.

A remote meeting of Resilient Hartford in compliance with the Vermont Open Meeting Law was held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. Chair Kye Cochran called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and read the “Act 92 remote public meeting script”.

1. **Introductions:** Kye Cochran welcomed new Selectboard Liaison Ally Tufenkjian. Introductions were made.
2. **Changes to the Agenda:** Kye Cochran asked if there are any changes to the agenda. There were none.
3. **Minutes of the February 24, 2021 Resilient Hartford Meeting:** Kye Cochran asked if there are any changes to the draft minutes of February 24th. There were none. The minutes were accepted as written.
4. **Alternative Uses to Town Parks (Clifford Park Food Forest):** Matt Osborn reported that he has been in touch with Cat Buxton and Karen Ganey about the Clifford Park Food Forest project. He noted that Cat and Karen submitted a revised proposal that better meets our needs and expectations. Matt stated that Cat and Karen have been investigating the necessary insurance requirements for consultants in order to work for the Town. He added that the insurance issue must be resolved prior to signing a contract. Matt noted that staff will be meeting with Cat and Karen next week. Matt stated that he hopes to have the insurance issue resolved so we can move forward and sign a contract and get the project started. He hopes to schedule the community meeting the week of April 26th. Matt noted that an e-mail about the meeting will go out to all parks survey respondents and there will be other means of promotion such as the Hartford List Serve, postings on the Town website, Valley News Calendar and a mailing to neighbors of Clifford Park.

Matt stated that at the request of the Food Production Committee (Kye, Marsha and Frederica) he sent out an e-mail about the project to park survey respondents on March 16th.

Leah Mosenthal noted that the Hartford High School has a community service requirement. She suggested contacting the school about recruiting students to help with the tree and shrub plantings. RH agreed.

Frederica Graham suggested scheduling a site visit with RH members and Cat Buxton and Karen Ganey once a contract is signed. RH agreed. Leah noted that the planting season is coming soon. Frederica responded that there will be a lot of work to do for the planting. Kye Cochran stated that the Food Production Committee will need to meet to plan for the community meeting.

5. **Climate Action Plan (CAP):** Matt Osborn reported that RH member Laura Simon and RH Liaisons John Reid and Jon Bouton are unable to attend the RH meeting this evening since they are attending

the CAP Steering Committee meeting which is taking place at the same time. Matt noted that tonight is the fourth CAP three-hour workshop. CAP Steering Committee members pick three working group topics. They are presently working on developing goals and actions for the CAP. The first draft of the CAP is expected in mid-May.

5. **Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Matt Osborn reported that the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) was adopted by the Selectboard on January 26th and submitted to the Vermont Emergency Management Department (VEM) for approval. VEM officially approved the HM Plan on March 19, 2021. Matt will e-mail a pdf file of the Plan to Resilient Hartford members and liaisons.
6. **Announcements:** There were no announcements.
7. **Next Meeting:** Kye Cochran noted that the next regular Resilient Hartford meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28th at 5:00 p.m.
8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.