

**Approved Minutes of a Special Meeting of
Resilient Hartford: A Community Resilience Organization
May 6, 2021**

Members Present: Marsha Autilio, Frederica Graham, Laura Simon and Chair Kye Cochran.

Staff Present: Matt Osborn, Town Planner.

Others Present: Consultants Cat Buxton and Karen Ganey.

A remote meeting of Resilient Hartford in compliance with the Vermont Open Meeting Law was held on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Chair Kye Cochran called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and read the “Act 92 remote public meeting script”. She stated that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the May 12th community meeting.

1. Clifford Park Community Meeting: Cat noted that the community meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. Matt reported that he posted the community meeting on the Town homepage, Hartford Listserve, Parks and Recreation Department Constant Contact weekly e-mail posting, an e-mail to the Clifford Park e-mail list and mailing a memo to Clifford Park neighbors. Frederica agreed to post the invite for community meeting on Upper Valley Listserve.

Marsha asked if someone from Parks and Recreation Department will be attending the community meeting. Matt responded that he hoped Dylan Kreis will be attending but wasn't sure about Director Scott Hausler. Cat stated that it is important to keep the Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks and Recreation Commission informed throughout the course of the project.

Cat read the draft agenda for the community meeting. There was discussion about the order and roles for the community meeting. Kye will do the meeting welcome and read the open meeting law statement. Frederica will give background on Resilient Hartford and Marsha will talk about the Clifford Park Project. Kye will introduce Cat and Karen and then wrap up the meeting at the end. Cat and Karen agreed to send a brief bio to Kye.

Cat and Karen will go over the project: land acknowledgement, Tropical Storm Irene, explain the current conditions of the site, the survey results, timeline and process for this project and where we go from here. Cat will present slides of the park and examples of food forests. They will talk about what we want from the meeting: a group of engaged residents to care for the trees and shrubs. We are looking for people to get involved and help in these areas: design, care of project, fundraising. They will add to slides: here are the ways you can help and give them a chance to think about it. Tasks include: design, planting, soil, labor, watering, gathering physical and financial resources. They will talk about forming a Steering Committee and there will be plenty of time for questions and comments.

There was discussion about the workshop topics and dates:

- Workshop 1: Soil Health, Wednesday, May 26th
- Workshop 2: Species & Design, Wednesday, June 9th
- Workshop 3: Design Planning, Wednesday, June 30th

Kye thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

2. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.