

**Approved Minutes of  
Resilient Hartford: A Community Resilience Organization  
August 26, 2020**

**Members Present:** Marsha Autilio, Marcia Gauvin, Frederica Graham, Dylan Kreis, Laura Simon, and Chair Jack Spicer.

**Liaison Members Present:** Lynn Bohi, Energy Commission, Simon Dennis, Selectboard and John Reid, Planning Commission.

**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, August 26, 2020. Chair Jack Spicer called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. He read the “remote public meeting script”. Jack reported that Frederica Graham e-mailed to say she will be a little late to the meeting.

1. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** Jack Spicer asked if there are any additions/changes to the agenda. There were none.
2. **Minutes of the July 22 and August 5, 2020 Resilient Hartford Meetings:** Jack Spicer asked if there are any changes to the draft minutes of July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>. There were no changes. Jack Spicer said the minutes are approved by unanimous consent.
3. **Alternative Uses to Town Parks (Food Production):** Frederica Graham reported that Kye Cochran and Frederica attended the August 13<sup>th</sup> Hartford Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to discuss the draft survey for alternative uses to Clifford and Ratcliffe Parks. Frederica stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission support the survey and didn’t propose any changes. Dylan Kreis stated that he has experience with survey monkey and offered to help set up the on-line survey. Resilient Hartford also agreed to have hard copies of the survey available at libraries and the Upper Valley Food Co-op and to mail them to anyone who requests a hard copy. It was agreed to have the RH Committee on Alternative Uses to Parks (Kye Cochran, Frederica Graham and Marsha Autilio) work with Dylan Kreis and Matt Osborn to complete the survey and work on promotion and distribution. Simon Dennis volunteered to design the hard copy survey. Matt suggested including the town logo on the survey. Marsha Autilio agreed to prepare a short description of the survey. Frederica volunteered to assist with distribution of the survey. It was agreed to release the survey in the coming weeks, prior to the next RH meeting. Dylan suggested scheduling a RH Committee on Alternative Uses to Parks meeting. The Commission agreed.

Resilient Hartford agreed to the following methods of promoting the survey:

- Hartford Website (home page)
- Hartford List Serv
- Upper Valley List Serv
- Potato Fest e-mail Distribution List
- Resilient Hartford e-mail Distribution List
- Parks and Recreation Department Weekly Constant Contact weekly e-mail Distribution List
- Hartford Town Facebook
- Flyer posted around town

- Hard copies at town libraries, Upper Valley Food Co-op
- Hartford Community Coalition Instagram

- 4. Community Food Forest Handbook:** Dylan Kreis reported that he would like to arrange for folks to pick up the book. Simon Dennis volunteered to have folks pick up the book at his house. RH members thanked Dylan for the book donation. It was agreed to discuss the book at the next RH Meeting.
- 5. Thanks and Best Wishes to Jack Spicer:** Jack Spicer stated that this will be his last RH Meeting since he is moving to Tunbridge with his wife where they plan to spend a lot of their spare time growing vegetables and fruit trees. Jack stated that he has learned a great deal about local government with his time on RH and plans on staying in touch with the group. The Commission thanked Jack for his service to RH as a member and chair and wished him and his wife well with the transition from in-town to rural living.
- 6. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** Dylan Kreis noted that he is willing to continue to serve as vice-chair, but he is not interested in serving as chair. It was agreed to continue the discussion at the September 30<sup>th</sup> RH meeting when all members will be present and to ask Kye and Laura if either would be willing to serve as chair.
- 7. Announcements:**
  - a. Hartford Permaculture Farm:** Simon Dennis stated that he is very excited to report that there is a permaculture farm in Hartford on Neal Road that is operated by Jesse Marksohn. Simon noted that a permaculture operation requires a great deal of planning, commitment and physical work. He stated that permaculture operations focus on resilience and suggested that RH consider a site visit to the farm. The Commission agreed to consider it after Covid-19.
- 8. Next Meeting:** Matt Osborn reported that the next regular RH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. He noted that he will be unable to attend. He stated that Resilient Hartford has the option of keeping the meeting date on 23<sup>rd</sup> without Matt or changing the meeting date to September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Commission agreed to move the meeting date to September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 9. Adjournment:** Frederica Graham made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Marcia Gauvin and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.