

**Draft Minutes of  
Resilient Hartford: A Community Resilience Organization  
September 30, 2020**

**Members Present:** Marsha Autilio, Kye Cochran, Marcia Gauvin, Laura Simon, and Vice Chair Dylan Kreis.

**Liaison Members Present:** Lynn Bohi, Energy Commission and Simon Dennis, 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, September 30, 2020. Vice-chair Dylan Kreis called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. He read the “remote public meeting script”.

1. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** Dylan asked if there are any additions/changes to the agenda. There were none.
2. **Minutes of the August 26, 2020 Resilient Hartford Meetings:** Dylan Kreis asked if there are any changes to the draft minutes of August 26<sup>th</sup>. Kye Cochran noted a correction. There were no other changes. Dylan made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 26<sup>th</sup> with the noted correction. The motion was seconded by Marsha Autilio and unanimously approved.
3. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** Dylan Kreis noted that with Jack Spicer moving out to Tunbridge, he resigned from RH. Dylan stated that he is willing to serve as vice-chair, but does not have time to serve as chair. Laura Simon nominated Kye Cochran as chair. The motion was seconded by Dylan and unanimously approved. Laura nominated Dylan as vice-chair. The motion was seconded by Marsha Autilio and unanimously approved. Kye took over as chair.
4. **Alternative Uses to Town Parks (Food Production):** Kye Cochran reported that she set up displays for the parks survey at the four community libraries and the Upper Valley Food Co-op. She also noted that Elizabeth Cadle distributed hard copies of the survey to Ratcliffe Park neighbors. Marsha Autilio reported that she has been posting the survey on the Hartford and Upper Valley List Serves. Matt Osborn reported that he posted flyers around town and posted information on the survey on the Town home page and the Parks and Recreation Department weekly Constant Contact e-mail.

Dylan Kreis reported that to date, 149 on-line surveys were filled out using Survey Monkey. He noted that Survey Monkey allows you to access the first 40 surveys free, but charges for access for the remaining surveys. The cost to access all of the surveys would be \$99. It was agreed to pay to access all of the survey results. Matt Osborn stated that he will contact Mindy Blank of CRO Vermont about using CRO Vermont grant funds to pay Survey Monkey.

Kye Cochran noted that the survey is open through October 8<sup>th</sup>. Kye volunteered to pick up the hard copies of the surveys at the four libraries and Upper Valley Food Co-op. Kye and Laura Simon volunteered to compile the results of the hard copies. Kye stated that they will compile the hard copy results by the October 28<sup>th</sup> RH Meeting. Simon Dennis suggested inputting the hard copy results into Survey Monkey so they could be tabulated together.

Laura Simon stated that the next step will be to plan the community meeting. It was agreed to plan for the community meeting at the 10/28 RH Meeting. Simon Dennis stated that Jesse Marksohn would be a good speaker.

- 5. Community Food Forest Handbook:** Kye Cochran noted that the Community Food Forest Handbook is a description of 30 food forests from around the country. Laura Simon noted that one food forest uses master gardeners. She stated that she knows master gardeners in the Upper Valley and is willing to talk to them about their involvement going forward. It was agreed to retain one of the copies of the handbook as a Resilient Hartford copy. Matt Osborn offered to keep it in his office as part of the Resilient Hartford Library.
- 6. Resilient Hartford Opening:** Kye Cochran noted that there is an opening on Resilient Hartford. Lynn Bohi suggested advertising on the Hartford List Serve. Laura Simon volunteered to put together an announcement.
- 7. Announcements:** There were no announcements.
- 8. Next Meeting:** Kye Cochran noted that the next regular Resilient Hartford meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- 9. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.