

**Approved Minutes of the
Resilient Hartford Meeting
February 22, 2023**

Resilient Hartford Members Present: Dylan Kreis (11/30/23), Laura Simon (11/30/23) and chair Kye Cochran (11/30/23).

Resilient Hartford Liaison Members Present: Energy Commission Liaison Lynn Bohi, Planning Commission Liaison John Reid and Selectboard Liaison Ally Tufenkjian.

Staff Present: Matt Osborn, Town Planner.

Others Present: None.

A hybrid Resilient Hartford Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 22nd. Chair Kye Cochran called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. She read the script for hybrid meetings followed by a roll call.

1. **Minutes of January 25th:** Since there was not a quorum, Kye stated that we will delay action on the minutes.
2. **Public Comments:** Kye asked if there are any public comments. There were none.
3. **Review of the February 10th Food Forest Committee Meeting:** Kye reported that there was a good discussion at the 2/10 Food Forest Committee Meeting. She provided the following summary:
 - a. **What We've Done:** Our all-volunteer efforts for the past two years have resulted in:
 - * Eight well-attended and very enjoyable work parties
 - * The planting of and caring for 41 fruit, nut, and native trees and shrubs
 - * Creation of a cover-crop site for an Abenaki three sisters garden
 - * Development of a grass plot which will periodically be scythed down for use as mulch
 - * Installation of a large water tank in the barn for watering the Food Forest & Abenaki garden
 - * A terrific, up-to-date website detailing all our efforts, with plenty of photos
<http://foodforestcliffordpark.pbworks.com>
 - b. **Plans for 2023:** During 2023, we intend to slow down on the planting, tend what we have already planted and observe how well the trees and guilds are doing; work on building healthy soil before planting more; improve our watering system; and work on building community and finding educational opportunities that go along with the work we are doing. We are inviting interested community members to join us in this project. Everyone is always welcome at all the work parties, but we would like to spread the creativity, planning, and organizing among more people.

Dylan reported that he is coordinating the rain gutter project with HP Roofing.

- c. **Teams:** Kye reported that the Food Forest Committee decided to form the five following teams to tackle projects:
- * **Water Team:** Carry out the weekly watering needs.
 - * **Growing Team:** In charge of building soil, planning garden design, planting, calculating the timing of crops, and all-around care of the soil and plants.
 - * **Outreach Team:** Recruit volunteers, plan events and work on educational opportunities.
 - * **Infrastructure Team:** In charge of fencing, water collection system, signs and storage.
 - * **Fundraising Team:** Research grant opportunities, apply for grants and look into other methods of securing needed funds.
- d. **Volunteer Status:** Matt reported that to date we have 11 volunteers signed up for 2023 with a few willing to serve on more than one team. Matt suggested that Kye send out a second email to the Food Forest Google Group list encouraging folks to sign-up. He also suggested reaching out individually to past volunteers. He offered to set up a spreadsheet of past volunteers from the volunteer waiver forms that he has collected. John offered to help create a list of potential volunteers noting that the attraction for many people is the physical activity.
4. **Resilient Hartford Openings:** Matt reported that there are currently two openings on RH. Kye offered to post on the Hartford List Serv. Dylan volunteered to work with Kye on the posting. Dylan also stated that he knows someone who might be interested and will talk to them. Lynn Bohi suggested posting a notice on the Upper Valley Food Co-op Bulletin Board. Kye volunteered.
5. **RH Meeting Time:** Dylan reported that he is now able to meet at 5:00 p.m. and asked if others felt it would be better than meeting at 6:30 p.m. Others agreed to meet at 5:00 p.m. Matt agreed to contact Carolyn and Earl about their preference.
6. **Next RH Meeting:** Kye noted that the next RH meeting is scheduled for 3/22. Matt will contact RH members about the meeting time after he hears back from Earl and Carolyn.
7. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

