

**Approved Meeting Notes of the
Resilient Hartford Meeting
November 29, 2023**

Resilient Hartford Members Present: Earl Hatley (4/4/25) and Kyle Katz (10/30/26).

Resilient Hartford Liaison Members Present: None.

Staff Present: Matt Osborn, Town Planner.

Others Present: Rachel Kent.

A hybrid Resilient Hartford Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 29th. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Matt Osborn announced that chair Dylan Kreis is unable to attend the meeting. He noted that there is not a quorum but suggested discussing a few items such as the Food Forest and the planned community discussion. Everyone agreed.

1. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
2. **Food Forest Update:** Matt provided background information to new RH member Kyle Katz about the Clifford Park Food Forest and Abenaki Garden. Kyle has agricultural experience from serving in the Peace Corps in South America.

Matt reported that he has scheduled a site visit with Greg Russ of the White River Partnership and Parks and Recreation Department Director Scott Hausler to get input on ways to enhance the Clifford Park riparian buffer. Rachel suggested sending Resilient Hartford members and the Food Forest Google Group notes on the site visit. Matt agreed.

Rachel Kent suggested discussing the presentation for the 12/5 Food Forest community discussion at the West Hartford Library. Matt suggested that Cat Buxton lead the discussion. He asked Earl if he could talk about the Abenaki Garden. Earl agreed. Matt offered to develop a powerpoint presentation on the background of the Food Forest and include current conditions. He also agreed to make copies of the year-end report that Cat drafted and any other copies.

Rachel suggested creating a display for the Food Forest and Abenaki Garden at the West Hartford Library to solicit comments from folks unable to attend the 12/5 community discussion. Everyone agreed that it is a good idea. Rachel will create a comment box. Matt agreed to make copies and create a posterboard.

It was agreed that we should provide refreshments for the community discussion. Matt volunteered to obtain the refreshments.

3. **Next RH Meeting:** Matt noted that the next RH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3rd.
4. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.
5. **Date RH Member Terms Expire:** Laura Simon (11/30/23). Carolyn Hooper (10/17/25) Earl Hatley (4/4/25), Michaela Lavelle (6/27/26), Kyle Katz (10/30/26) and chair Dylan Kreis (11/30/23).