

**Resilient Hartford Meeting
Draft Minutes of May 28, 2024**

Resilient Hartford Members Present: Earl Hatley (4/4/25), Kyle Katz (10/30/26), Michaela Lavelle (6/27/26) and Laura Simon (1/8/27).

Staff Present: Matt Osborn, Town Planner.

Others Present: None.

A Resilient Hartford Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 28th at Clifford Park in West Hartford. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

1. **RH Meeting Minutes:** Matt asked if there are any changes or corrections regarding the minutes of the 4/23 RH Meeting. Since there were no corrections, the minutes were accepted as written.
2. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
3. **Fruit and Nut Tree Grant:** Rachel reported that the Fruit and Nut Tree grant is flexible so we can use funds to purchase trees for the fall planting. She also noted that the grant can pay for supplies and materials.
4. **April 29th Clifford Park Walk Around:** Earl reported that on April 29th, he was joined by Emily Boles, John Moody, Karen Ganey and Rudi Rundell to look at the state of the riparian area. The consensus was that the riparian area could be enhanced by planting more trees and shrubs. They developed a list of recommended species. As for the meadow, they recommended continuing to seed a diversity of native species to build soil biology.
5. **May 19th Food Forest Workday:** Earl reported that although there wasn't a big turnout, the May 19th workday was productive. They worked on cover crop islands.
6. **Fiscal Year Closeout:** Matt reported that the 2023/2024 fiscal year is coming to a close on June 30th. Besides a water pump and accessories, we had talked about the need for tools such as rakes, hoes and shovels. It was also suggested that we obtain seed and hand tools as well as fencing and stakes if needed.
8. **RH Openings:** Matt noted that RH now has three openings. RH agreed to promote the openings at the Hartford Community Coalition Block Party on June 19th. Michaela volunteered to make a poster for the event. Kyle suggested having a sign-up sheet. Others agreed.
9. **Scheduling A Weekday Evening Workday:** There was discussion about when to schedule a weekday evening workday but there was no consensus for a specific day. Rachel volunteered to survey the Food Forest Google Group.

10. Announcements:

- a. Community Resilience Building in Hartford: Matt reported that earlier today, Kyle and he attended the kick-off meeting for the Community Resilience Building (CRB) program with the Nature Conservancy. The program is designed to help communities become more resilient and sustainable. A community-based workshop will be scheduled for November. The CRB program should provide valuable information for the update of the Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan. Matt noted that Lebanon participated in the program during the past year.

- 11. Next RH Meeting:** Matt noted that the next RH meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25th at 5:00 p.m. at the Hartford Town Hall.
- 12. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.
- 13. Date RH Member Terms Expire:** Earl Hatley (4/4/25), Kyle Katz (10/30/26), Michaela Lavelle (6/27/26), Laura Simon (1/8/27) and chair Dylan Kreis (1/8/27).