

Resilient Hartford Meeting
Approved Meeting Notes of October 28, 2025

Resilient Hartford Members Present: Sally Mansur, Solange Saxby and Chair Kyle Katz.

Staff Present: Matt Osborn, Town Planner.

Others Present: Selectboard Liaison Ashley Andreas and Wilder resident Tad Montgomery.

A Resilient Hartford Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 28th in Room 312 of the Hartford Town Hall. Chair Kyle Katz called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

1. Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2025: Since there wasn't a quorum, Kyle stated that no action will be taken on the draft minutes of 9/23/25.

2. Public Comments:

- a. Resident Introduction: Wilder resident Tad Montgomery introduced himself and said he was attending the meeting to learn more about Resilient Hartford.
- b. Upper Valley Food Co-op Walking Tour: Tad reported that the Upper Valley Food Co-op sponsored a walking tour of fruit trees around White River Junction and the Food Forest on Latham Works Lane.
- c. Dartmouth Grant "Community Partnerships for Climate Resilience: Ashley reported that the Dartmouth College has a \$5,000 grant for "Community Partnerships for Climate Resilience" that she thought that RH might be interested in. The deadline for proposals is November 21st.
- d. Ratcliffe Park Community Garden: Ashley noted that the Community Garden could use some assistance and was hoping that Resilient Hartford could collaborate. Solange agreed.

3. Pollinator Garden Planting: Kyle reported that on October 24th, David Hammond of Creating Habitats for Pollinators came to the Food Forest to expand the current pollinator garden. David, a Dartmouth alumni, was in the Upper Valley to assist in planting several pollinator gardens. Matt noted that David donated the wildflower seed. David is hoping to collaborate with the Town on future pollinator gardens.

4. Food Forest Update: Matt reported that the water tank was emptied, and the downspout disconnected for the winter. Kyle stated that he is hoping that the drought didn't have an adverse impact on the trees that were planted this year and is pleased to see our normal weather pattern return. Matt asked if we should do another workday this fall to deal with the Fleabane. Kyle responded that he didn't think it was necessary since it is an annual and has already gone to seed. Kyle noted that since we've had success with cover crops in the past, he would like to undertake a cover crop planting in the spring.

5. Food Forest Map: Kyle reported that now that things are slowing down at the Food Forest, he is able to devote more time to other items such as the Food Forest map. He will work on it with Sally and Solange on it. Solange noted that they will be using Adobe Illustrator to create the map.

6. Food Forest Kiosk: Matt reported that the Hartford Parks and Recreation Department delivered the two kiosks to Clifford Park and the Quechee Abenaki Garden. Kyle noted that the Vermont Works for Women did a nice job on the kiosks. Matt reported that the Food Forest kiosk was moved into the barn for the winter. Matt noted that the cost of materials for the two kiosks was \$1,346.08 which was split between Resilient Hartford and the Quechee Abenaki Garden.

7. **Food Forest Signage:** Kyle reported that Rachel, Solange and he will work on the signage for the kiosk this winter.
8. **Quechee Abenaki Garden:** Matt reported that there was a workday at the Abenaki Garden on Sunday, October 26th. Another workday is scheduled for Sunday, November 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
9. **Apple Corps:** Matt reported that Apple Corps hired another part-time coordinator.
10. **Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** Kyle reported that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is set to expire on 3/18/26 and that it needs to be updated prior to the expiration date. RH will be working with the Climate Action Steering Team (CAST), Hartford Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Dana Clawson and Matt on the update. Kyle noted that Sally and he will be serving on the committee. Solange offered to help out on the update. Kyle noted that we are waiting to hear from FEMA regarding funding for the update. He added that we need to start working on the update.
11. **RH Openings:** Kyle noted that there are two openings on RH. He suggested that we keep promoting the openings.
12. **Announcements/Events:**
 - e. Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup (UVAW) Community Meeting: Matt reported that the Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup will be holding a community meeting at the Kilton Library on Tuesday, December 9th from noon to 3:00 p.m. Matt noted that more information on the event will be forthcoming.
13. **Next RH Meeting:** Kyle noted that the next RH meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25th. Kyle noted it is Thanksgiving week and asked if members will be available. Sally responded that she would not be available.
14. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.
15. **Date RH Member Terms Expire:** Michaela Lavelle (6/27/26), Sally Mansur (9/16/27), Solange Saxby (6/23/28), Laura Simon (1/8/27) and chair Kyle Katz (10/30/26).