

Resilient Hartford
Approved Meeting Notes of November 25, 2025

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

Staff Present: Matt Osborn, Town Planner.

Others Present: Selectboard Liaison Ashley Andreas, WRJ resident James Coleman and Susan Johnson of Apple Corps.

A Resilient Hartford Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 25th 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 23rd and the Meeting Notes of October 28th:** Since there wasn't a quorum, Kyle stated that no action will be taken on the draft minutes/notes.
2. **Apple Corps:** Susan Johnson, co-coordinator of Apple Corps was present to introduce herself to RH. Susan reported that Apple Corps made changes to the Hartford Hub website to include the Clifford Park Food Forest. Susan noted that she has a lot of experience gardening and has developed an interest in trees and serves on the Lebanon Tree Board. Kyle welcomed Susan and looks forward to working with her.
3. **Public Comments:**
 - a. Resident Introduction: White River Junction resident James Coleman introduced himself and said he was attending the meeting to learn more about Resilient Hartford. James was a resident of Wilder then moved to Hartland but recently moved to White River Junction. He is considering applying to serve on RH.
4. **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.
5. **Food Forest Map:** Kyle reported that to start, he developed a rudimentary Food Forest map using Adobe Illustrator. He will continue to work on it with Sally and Solange.
6. **Food Forest Kiosk:** Matt reported that the Hartford Parks and Recreation Department delivered the kiosk to Clifford Park. It was later moved inside the barn for the winter. In the spring, we will have to find a contractor to install the kiosk in concrete to meet the Flood Hazard Area Regulations. Ashley suggested contacting Habitat for Humanity to see if they could do it for us.
7. **Food Forest Signage:** Kyle reported that Rachel, Solange and he will be working on the signage for the kiosk.
8. **Quechee Abenaki Garden:** Matt reported that there were two workdays at the Abenaki Garden on October 26th and November 2nd.
9. **Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** Matt reported that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is set to expire on 3/18/26 and that it needs to be updated by mid-January to have time for FEMA review. RH will be working with the Climate Action Steering Team (CAST), the Planning Commission, Energy Commission and Hartford Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Dana Clawson and Matt on the update. Kyle noted that Sally and he will be representing RH. Kyle estimated that there will be two Steering Committee meetings in December and two meetings in

January. Matt asked Ashley if she could serve on the Steering Committee. Ashley declined saying she was too busy. She suggested asking Erik Krauss. Matt noted that there are additional FEMA requirements since the 2021 HM Plan was adopted. Ashley asked if the HM Plan would cover flash flooding. Kyle responded yes. Ashley suggested looking at the 2024 Hartford Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover/Community Risk Assessment developed by the Hartford Fire Department.

10. RH Openings: Kyle noted that there are two openings on RH. Matt noted that we may soon have a third opening. Kyle suggested that we keep promoting the openings. Ashley said she is actively recruiting potential members. James said he is interested in serving and also could help with recruitment. Ashley suggested working with Communications and Media Specialist JD Hawks to promote the openings.

11. Announcements/Events:

- a. Tool Lending Library: Kyle reported that Tad Montgomery contacted him to see if RH might consider a tool lending library. Others thought it was a good idea. Kyle discussed the idea with Michaela Lavelle.
- b. 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.

12. Next RH Meeting: Kyle noted that there is a lot of work to do on the Hazard Mitigation Plan, he suggests skipping the December 23rd meeting. Others agreed. The next RH Meeting will take place on January 27th.

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

14. 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).