

Hartford Ad Hoc Committee on Coronavirus Response Meeting Minutes

2/03/21 @ 4:00 PM | Via Zoom

Committee Attendance: Kristi Clemens (Chair), Simon Dennis (Secretary), Becky Chollet, Brett Mayfield, Martha McDaniel (Vice-Chair), Becca White, Barbara Farnsworth, Dan Fraser, Deborah Scribner,

Kristi called the meeting to order at 4:03 and took attendance and called for Changes to the Agenda. **Kristi suggested that we add a brief discussion of the Open Meeting Law Violation to the Agenda. It was decided that we would postpone passage of the most recent minutes until the next meeting**

Reports from the town

Brett reported Windsor County numbers are coming down. He said that last week he gave out over 1K masks to local businesses. We have an additional 3K in reserve. He has the chance to get an additional 500 cloth masks to add to the 1K that we currently have. These may be single layer but still follow current CDC guidelines. Martha and Kristi supported getting them and Brett said he would carry out this request.

The first vaccination center was open on Monday. It was an extremely heartwarming scene despite some delays. > 120 doses were administered and all doses were used. This will continue Monday's from 9:00 to 4:30. The other local site is Randolph Tech Center. People can also go outside of our District to Windsor, (Fridays) or Springfield (Tuesdays). Vaccines were increased again this week at the State level. The quantity is limited based on the state supply.

Kristi departed the meeting and Marth took over as Vice Chair.

Martha called for subgroup reports.

Slow-the-Spread

Martha reported that the food shelves and libraries are giving out masks at a great rate. She also mentioned special thanks to Becky for maintaining the banners.

Becca asked if there is a way to purchase the Masks on Hartford Signs. Becky said she has one left. So Becca will put that up! Great.

We are keeping an eye on a potential change in the mask recommendations.

Becky has a reimbursement request for \$73.50 to pay for wax bags and \$11.42 for a total of \$84.92. **Becca moved approval of \$84.92 to reimburse Becky Chollet for wax bag purchases and shipping. Simon seconded. All but Becky voted in favor. Becky abstained. The motion carried.**

Food Group

Barbara reported that Everyone Eats received funding for 3 weeks. And we are hoping that that will be extended.

Becky expressed appreciation for the emails that communicate where people can get food. There is talk about a good chunk of federal funding coming through.

There are 147 individuals staying in the hotels through the Hotel Voucher Program.

Communications

Becky reported that in the past two weeks the Comm Group has churned out two info sheets to go out to Hartford residents. Share your shot program to inform people about how to give

Becky now has authorization to post on the VT Alerts. She sent out her first message today.

Martha said that when the new Town Manager arrives, we should advocate for an update of the website.

Brett mentioned a message that the number to call to schedule your vaccine is (855) 722-7878. It is helpful to assist qualifying individuals to register for this. The VA is also vaccinating folks 75 and up.

Other topics

Brett mentioned that there are some restaurants (The Filling Station, Pnomm Pehn (SP!) is contemplating taking a break, Wolf Tree too) are cutting back or taking a break. All are planning to reopen when things open up.

Simon congratulated Becky on being authorized to make postings on VT Alert.

Barbara said that it is really important to emphasize the need to use masks even after vaccination. That message has gone out in some ways and Becky will consider a listserv post that sends out that message.

Kristi returned to the meeting and gave an update regarding the alleged Open Meeting Law Violation that had been advanced by Remington Nevil. The Town Counsel has reviewed the situation and has concluded that there was no evidence to support the complaint. Simon asked what made him think that a violation had taken place. Kristi said that it seemed it was just a guess on his part. We are hopeful that this will be the end of it.

Becca White moved to adjourn and Brett Mayfield seconded. All were apparently in favor and the meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM.

Submitted by Simon Dennis, Committee Secretary.