

Hartford Ad Hoc Committee On Coronavirus Response | Meeting Minutes

April 3rd, 2020 at 4:00 (First Meeting)

Attendance:

Committee Members: Brannon Godfrey, Scott Cooney, Gail Ostrout, Brett Mayfield, Dan Fraser, Kristi Clemens, Becca White, Becky Chollet, Barbara Farnsworth, Chuck Wooster, Martha McDaniel, Simon Dennis, Deborah Scribner, Sue Buckholtz

Residents: P.J., Laura Simon, Nick Charyk and others also attended.

Brannon Godfrey opened the meeting at approximately 4:10pm . He reviewed the Charge and summarized the responsibilities of following Open Meeting Law. Members and participants then introduced themselves and their respective backgrounds and interests.

Brannon asked for nominations for officers. Becca White moved to nominate Kristi Clemens as Chair. Becky Chollet seconded the nomination. Brannon Godfrey asked for a motion to close the nominations and move to vote. **Chuck Wooster moved to close the nomination and elect Kristi Clemens as Chair. Martha McDaniel seconded the motion.** The Motion passed unanimously.

Kristi Clemens asked for nomination for Vice Chair. **Becca White moved to elect Sue Buckholz as Vice Chair of the Committee. Martha McDaniel seconded.** The Motion passed unanimously.

Becca White moved to elect Simon Dennis as Secretary. Chuck Wooster seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

We discussed the Committee's Charge and discussed the role of subgroups.

Brett gave a review of current Town activities. and reported that the town is doing regular check-ins with vulnerable populations, working with UV Strong with the different services and with food services delivering meals. Working on ways we can be supportive of the general population to wear face masks. Chief Cooney added that a Town team, as led by Lori Hirshfeld, meets weekly to identify and distribute strategic priorities. Chief Cooney mentioned that personal check-ins to individuals is one area where the Town could use support.

Kristi suggested that we move towards assigning members to the four subgroups.

Simon Dennis, Becky Chollet, Brett Mayfield, Martha McDaniel were appointed to the subgroup focused on slowing the spread of COVID-19. Martha McDaniel will serve as the point person.

Deborah Scribner, Scott Cooney, Barbara Farnsworth and Gail Ostrout were appointed to the subgroup focused on supporting the medical professionals to treat the infected. Scott Cooney will be the point person.

Sue Buckholtz, Brannon Godfrey, Becca White were appointed as committee members of the subgroup focused on preserving Hartford's economy and the businesses, families and individuals that make it up. PJ (full name needed) and Nick Charyk were appointed as citizen members. Brannon Godfrey will be the point person.

Chuck Wooster, Dan Fraser, Kristi Clemens and Barbara Farnsworth from the committee and Michael Redmond, from the community were appointed to the subgroup focused on ensuring consistent food supply to Hartford Residents. Barbara Farnsworth will be the point person.

There were additional discussions about potential partners and open meeting law.

Kristi said she would set up some folders on Google Group, for each subgroup.

It was agreed that we would meet weekly via Zoom on Fridays at 4:00 PM.

Sue and Kristi will get together to set the agenda by Wednesday.

Dan Fraser moved to adjourn the meeting, Chuck Wooster seconded, all were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 5:15.

Submitted by Simon Dennis
Committee Secretary