

Hartford Ad Hoc Committee On Coronavirus Response | Meeting Minutes

April 28th, 2021 at 4:00

Attendance:

Committee Members: Brett Mayfield, Kristi Clemens, Becky Chollet, Barbara Farnsworth, Martha McDaniel, Simon Dennis, Deborah Scribner, Scott Cooney

It was recognized that we had achieved a quorum. **Kristi called the meeting to order at 4:05** and opened discussion about the Committee Charge.

Deborah Fraser opened conversation about the Charge and highlighted the move to 7 total members.

Becky moved to ratify the charge and send it along to the Selectboard for ratification. Deborah seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Becky mentioned that she is frustrated with the lack of energetic and financial investment in the work of this committee. She felt that unless there is investment on the part of the Administration.

Deborah mentioned that we are not out of the woods yet. If so, do we have the support of the Town Manager and the Selectboard. Barbara mentioned that there may be a pause in what we are going to do. Simon said that it would be more advantageous for us to reduce the frequency of meetings than it would be for us to disband at this point.

Brett mentioned that there are lots of people from India who are traveling to the US. It is important to continue sending out the message that we are not out of the woods and that this is not a good time for us to let our guard down. Brett mentioned that he has encountered support from the Administration and Selectboard for HADCCR's work. He also supported the idea of meeting once a month for the time being. Brett does use this committee regularly.

Simon said that we should think about the previously issued budget request. Becky had calculated that the Town Needs 3 banners and 25 yard signs. The maximum cost is \$597.25. Becky suggested asking for \$600 to round it up. **Kristi said that she would put this request to the Selectboard along with the Agenda Change.**

Deborah said that it does not make sense to take down the existing banner without putting up a different banner.

Barbara suggested that we drop back to once a month. **Kristi said that she would check the calendars and suggest a new schedule soon.**

Brett mentioned that COVID is out there and that the current variant is easy to catch.

PJ asked if there were plans for an open air Johnson and Johnson Vaccination Center. Brett said that there were. Anyone can be vaccinated in NH.

Becky mentioned that we had discussed a panel of local medical folks to answer questions about the Vaccine for people who are still skeptical. Brett mentioned that VT is seeing strong participation and suggested that we should save the idea for when we are seeing greater signs of hesitancy. Kristi said that we would come back to this topic in the future.

Martha moved to adjourn the meeting. Barbara seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 4:44.

Submitted by Simon Dennis
Committee Secretary