

Hartford Ad Hoc Committee on Coronavirus Response Meeting Minutes

9/16/20 @ 4:00 PM | Via Zoom

Committee Attendance: Kristi Clemens (Chair), Simon Dennis (Secretary), Becky Chollet, Brett Mayfield, Martha McDaniel, Deborah Scribner, Dan Fraser, Barbara Farnsworth, PJ Skehan, Scott Cooney, Sue Buckholz

Kristi called the meeting to order at 4:04 and took attendance and called for Changes to the minutes.

Deborah moved to accept the Minutes 9/2. Simon suggested that we amend the minutes to remove the approval of the August 5th Minutes until they can be submitted. Martha seconded as amended. The minutes passed unanimously. Thank you Martha for filling in for Simon who was absent.

Becky Chollet, moved to pass the minutes of 9/2 as amended, Deborah seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

(Note: after review it has subsequently become clear that the minutes for the 8/5 HADCCR Meeting had been correctly submitted and were correctly passed at this meeting)

Town Reports

Brett reported that the region has continued on a status quo track. There were 5 new cases in Windsor County. Brett's understanding is that the reported case of the Hartford Highschool student was misreported by the Valley News and was actually a positive case of a family member of a student in the High School.

Scott Cooney reported that the state is having a harder time staffing covid testing stations, especially in Springfield. We continue to have testing stations scheduled for the Prospect Street site. The governor has extended the state of emergency.

Martha asked if Scott is having trouble getting people to staff the Hartford testing site. He reported that he has been able to fill all of the slots.

Process discussed regarding the design for the banner and poster process. Brett said that there has been some discussion regarding the banner process at the Staff level.

Slow-the-Spread

Martha Reported that the Sub-Group would not be meeting until tomorrow. Thanks to the bag stuffing of several, we are well-supplied with masks for the time being. The group will be meeting every other week.

Economic Support and Recovery

P.J. reported that he is optimistic that the Town is going to get the \$10,000 grant for which it has applied, and this will be a big help to local restaurants. If it comes through, it will be distributed in October. There is currently nothing coming from the Federal Government, though there is still plenty of money in Vermont that needs to be spent prior to the end of the year. Brett said that the biggest benefit will be going to hotels who will be allowed to work at full capacity. Deb wondered what might be likely to happen as the weather cools (and more services need to be provided indoors). It's speculated that Governor Scott may make a major announcement about this on 9/18. Brett's belief is that most Hartford restaurants will be able to do OK if they can continue to operate at current capacity.

Food Security

Barbara reported that the Everybody Eats grant was awarded for Hartford and would be administered by Vital Communities (info at: vitalcommunities.org/valleyfoodfarm/uvcc).

Communications Subgroup

Kristie reported that the next meeting for this group is set for 9/23. The #MasksOnHartford campaign was going well with the help of an HCC staffer, who has recently stopped working. Emily Zanleoni will try to fill in and get this going again. In the meantime, selfies of people wearing masks can be sent to the Facebook site, or to masksonHartford@gmail.com.

Kristi will be taking on drafting and sending biweekly Hartford listserv announcements, and she asked for suggestions about topics of high interest.

Community Connections and Wellness

Becky wondered whether this group should start meeting again, with a focus on resident welfare.

HADCCR's next meeting will take place via Zoom at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 30th.

Sue moved, and Scott seconded, that the meeting adjourn at 4:40 PM.

Submitted by Simon Dennis, Committee Secretary with special thanks for the scribing help of Martha McDaniel.