

## **Hartford Ad Hoc Committee on Coronavirus Response Meeting Minutes** 10/28/20 @ 4:00 PM | Via Zoom

**Committee Attendance:** Kristi Clemens (Chair), Simon Dennis (Secretary), Becky Chollet, Brett Mayfield, Martha McDaniel, Barbara Farnsworth, P.J. Shehan, Deborah Scribner, Dan Fraser.

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

Martha offered two: 1, to recommend a meeting between staff and downtown business owners regarding the South Main Street Jersey Barriers, 2. To consider requesting additional staff attendance on the HADCCR.

An amendment was suggested to complete a dangling sentence. This was corrected.

Brett moved to accept the minutes of 10/14/20 as amended. Becca seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

### **Town Reports**

Dan reported that the funding request from this meeting was approved for up to \$2000.

Brett reported that the region is back in the yellow. The good news is that Windsor county has had zero cases in the past 48 hours or more. Vermont has experienced a 143% increase in two weeks, but locally things are holding steady.

Becca asked if there has been any work that has been going on regarding the WABA Rink. Brett reported that the WABA plan is so carefully constructed that it has been adopted by the state as the regional model. Martha celebrated the fact that Hartford has a model plan and recognized the good work being done by Parks and Recreation in this regard.

### **Slow-the-Spread**

Martha reported that Becky Chollet will be handing out masks at the Trunk or Treat event coming up this Saturday. We have enough masks which have been procured from various sources and are going out fast from Quechee Library. Martha also reported that some of the businesses are feeling disconnected from the Town. P.J. is doing a fantastic job and is not a Town Representative. The STS was wondering if it might be good to have someone who is interested in supporting businesses during the Time of COVID. Community function is so important - right now Parks And Recreation is very active, it might be worth considering to invite Scott Hausler to join the Committee. So that they can serve as channels of communication to their departments.

P.J. reported that he felt that additional contact with the Business Community would be a good idea. He does not have the bandwidth to do it. P.J. will bring it to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce to seek out additional members to fulfil the liaison function. Quechee has gained quite a few new residents who could possibly be new members. P.J. will reach out.

After considerable discussion, the Committee agreed that Kristi would reach out to the interim Town Manager to welcome him, introduce him to the committee's work and reference the Committee Charge and request consideration of participation of an

employee or employees from Parks & Recreation and Planning Departments to participate as they can and be the recipient of Committee communication.

P.J. said that he would be willing to reach out to Tuckerbox and Piecemeal Pies and Lori Hirshfield to discuss the timeline for removing the South Main Street Jersey Barriers that supports the local businesses.

### **Food SubGroup**

Barbara reported that there are currently 112 people housed in four different hotels. The assumption is that VT is going to extend the funding. We don't know how long.

Everybody Eats through Vital Communities end date is Dec 30th. 10's of thousands of meals have been distributed. Hartford High is a distribution point among many others.

United Way and Hypertherm is also doing a food box pick-up.

### **Communications Subgroup**

Becky reported that in addition to the Halloween Infographic, the Subgroup is engaged in creating 50 yard signs, window clings, and banners with covid advice.

### **General Information**

P.J. reported that there are a lot of good things happening with grants. The Selectboard has passed the second round of support grants. The next round of Hartford Dollars is going to come out.

**It was agreed that we would elect a Vice-Chair at our next meeting.**

**Deb moved to adjourn, Martha seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.**

HADCCR's next meeting will take place via Zoom at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, November 11th.

Submitted by Simon Dennis, Committee Secretary.