

## **Hartford Ad Hoc Committee on Coronavirus Response Meeting Minutes** 11/11/20 @ 4:00 PM | Via Zoom

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

**Kristi called the meeting to order at 4:05** and took attendance and called for Changes to the Agenda. **Dan moved to accept the minutes of 10/28/20, Becca seconded and all were in favor.**

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

Martha reported that there has been an uptick in cases. We discussed how to get the message of everyone protecting everyone else across in the most productive way. Mask supply continues to be good. Lots of masks (and candies) were given out at the Trunk or Treat Event.

Barbara mentioned that COVER Home Repair has over a thousand masks that they are willing to give out to Organizations that work with volunteers.

### **Food SubGroup**

Barbara reported that the Haven is expecting close to 1000 recipients of the Thanksgiving food drop. Everybody Eats is not expecting extended funding until the end of January. There will be a gap between now and then but they are prepared to hit the ground running as soon as the funding returns.

Hotel numbers have not changed (~112). The Thanksgiving Meals are being coordinated by volunteers. The Haven is still accepting volunteers. To volunteer go to [UpperValleyHaven.Org](http://UpperValleyHaven.Org).

### **Communications Subgroup**

Becky Chollet reported that the group has finalized the designs for banners, yard signs and window clings. And anticipate getting them up in each of the five villages by the weekend before ThanksGiving. **Becky moved the approval of the expenditure of \$1338.38 for the printing of 5 banners, 50 road signs and 50 window clings. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.**

**Becky Chollet moved that the Committee request of the selectboard place the MasksOnHartford Banner on the property of the Town Hall. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

We are currently working on a How-to-Celebrate-Thanksgiving-Safely Infographic as well as a piece that will delineate essential from nonessential travel.

### **Town Updates**

Felicia Hayes reported that the Highschoolers are doing better than expected and there is still room for improvement. They take prompts and reminders well. We have shared lots of communication with student families, via phone calls, printed materials, forums, etc. All well received. There have been no further cases. Students are doing a good job staying home when they don't feel good.

Brett reported that we have had 6 confirmed positive cases in Windsor county in the past 2 days (3 cases each day) and 19 in the past two weeks. This is not a good sign. Hartford has not had new cases in recent weeks. Reaching out to neighbors regarding what is needed is a good idea.

We are currently at the highest level of travel restriction that the Governor can implement. (None but essential activities are permitted without a 2 week quarantine.) Becca mentioned that fully closing the borders is something that will take a lot of build up to and would require additional authority above and beyond the Governor's Office.

### **Other Business and Information**

**Brett nominated Martha McDaniel to serve as Vice-Chair of the HADCCR Committee. Simon Seconded. Martha accepted the nomination and all were in favor.**

Becca mentioned that the Economic Wellbeing Subcommittee needs new members. She said she would post a notice about this on the Town Listserv.

**Becca Moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan Seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 4:44.**

HADCCR's next meeting will take place via Zoom at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, November 25th.

Submitted by Simon Dennis, Committee Secretary.