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Town of Londonderry , Vermont
Mighty Londonderry Community Resilience Organization Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 - 5:30 pm
100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155

Members Attending: Helena Wu, Kevin Beattie (ex-officio), Bruce Frauman, George Mora

Others Attending: Jeff Duda, Chris Blackey, Dick Dale, Judy Cobb, Pete Cobb,

1. Call meeting to order

Chair Bruce Frauman called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Dick Dale asked that COVID-19 be the only topic for this meeting. The chair agreed with out a vote. There was no objection.

3. Minutes Approval - Meeting of February 20, 2020

Bruce passed over approval of minutes given the agreement in item

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4. Visitors and Concerned Citizens

None. All attending are here to discuss COVID-19.

5. COVID-19 preparation

Bruce said the CRO is an advisory committee for the select board. He knows Kevin Beattie has put COVID-19 on the March 16 selectboard agenda.

Kevin said a big part of his job as EMD is to offer support for those who may be sick or in self-quarantine in their homes. He said there may be supply chain disruptions. He said there are updates daily from Vermont Emergency Management and the state EOC was activated in January. Kevin said the state health EOC has been activated since mid-February. What is crucial is what is happening in Vermont and there is one case in Vermont.

Asked about his presentation to the selectboard, Kevin said what is

important is continuity of operations; that plans be made to still operate our local government, fire departments, and rescue squads. George said her biggest concern is how to help Kelly and Tina to keep things running. Does the selectboard continue to hold meetings? Kevin said if he does open the local EOC, it will be virtual.

Dick Dale said all Taconic and Green schools are following state guidelines. He said it is fortunate a vacation is coming soon. Asked if they would go to distance learning, Dick said contingency plans have been developed and all schools are ready to use the plans if there is a need. Judy Cobb said parents take vacation in April and travel, then return to the Londonderry area.

Jeff Duda said he was on the national COVID-19 conference call earlier in the day. He was the only one to have done so at this meeting. He said 256,000 are still on cruise ships. He said it is important to step up diligence on sanitation. Kevin said continuing education is important.

Judy said she has heard that second home owners are coming to Londonderry to self quarantine. She also said the Stratton Blue Grass festival is still on.

Pete said there are no testing kits available. Jeff said he heard on the call that the main supplier is doing what they can to supply up to 3 million vials a day, though there are some shortages in the testing kit supply line. These kits will go to places with higher population densities such as New York City.

Pete said the Rescue Squad last week established a 5 person task force. The task force on March 10 issued a press release. It can be found on the Londonderry Vermont Community Forum on Facebook. They have changed their procedures to respond to a call with 1 person with a mask down from 3 or 4 person teams. The drivers will be isolated. He said Mountain Valley Health Center asks people who might be infected to call, but not to walk in. He is concerned that hospitals will not be able to take care of the volume of patients he expects. He said there are few rooms in hospitals with negative air pressure to contain the virus. He said the Rescue Squad will see and access potential patients but will call the hospital before transporting. Pete said they will ask people to stay home if at all possible.

George said that in Italy, younger patients will be prioritized over those over a certain age. It is heartbreaking. Pete said the mortality rate of those over 80 years old have a mortality rate of 10%.

Kevin said he want to make a low key statement to the town because at the moment, we have low involvement with the virus.

Dick said people can drop off food for others and make sure oxygen and critical drugs are available. People have to call if they need help. Judy said people do not always ask for help. George said some will step up and help. Kevin said how to manage all these people needs will require some central management. He will offer his phone number for people with questions to call.

Pete said the Rescue Squad has a supply of face masks. Jeff said he may need some masks and the fire department offers the rescue squad help if needed.

George asked for some directive on testing. How do we know if we are sick with the virus? Helena said a fever would be a distinguishing factor. Pete said people could be asymptomatic but still be carriers. He said less than 1% of kids get sick with COVID-19. There will be no vaccine for at least a year. Pete said the CDC has an excellent website.

When asked more about the call with Senior Administration officials Jeff said it was mostly political spin. They said they would support states. There are strike teams in the Department of Health ready for outbreaks. This can't be stopped.

Pete said six areas will be shutting down so the influx of possible carriers will be less. Kevin said this will help flatten the curve, which is our goal.

Bruce said there is a good article with lots of charts and graphs by Tomas Pueyo on Medium.com:

<https://medium.com/@tomaspueyo/coronavirus-act-today-or-people-will-die-f4d3d9cd99ca>.

Jeff said people will self quarantine in Vermont. Pete said COVID-19 will spread with in a household when someone is infected. Dick said it is important to pay attention, don't go to the hospital. and asks if we do need assistance, who do we call: Pete? Kevin? No answer. Probably Kevin.

Asked about Meals on Wheels, Dick said they have been told to stay outside and ask if they are okay. If the answer is yes, they can be handed the food. If it is no, they will leave the food outside. He serves 9 people Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. These people are "Pretty shut in."

Judy said the Rescue Squad will transport people who are in breathing distress.

When asked about his church services, Chris said he has had informal talks about how to move forward. He still is holding services.

Older congregants are already staying away on their own. If needed, he will stream services.

Pete said smaller meetings are fine.

George said continuity of operations is important and had questions about how to comply with Open Meeting laws if the Select Board chooses to have a meeting online. Dick said they would need to allow the public to call in and participate. This is something the Taconic and Green Regional School board is discussing. Bruce said all votes would have to be by roll call.

6. Project Londonderry (Planning Commission)

Bruce briefly mentioned that the Planning Commission will spin the implementation of Project Londonderry off to a new task force.

7. Old Business

a. Resilience Hub

Bruce said he is still trying to understand the idea behind Resilience Hubs. Basically a community center and the Depot might be a good place to meet.

b. Window Dressers

Not discussed

c. Shelter Group Update

No update.

d. Update on State CRO activity

No update.

e. Membership

No discussion.

8. New Business

See Item 5.

9. Set Next meeting time and date

Not yet determined.

10. Adjourn

Kevin moved to adjourn. Helena seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

