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**Town of Londonderry , Vermont
Mighty Londonderry CRO Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 28, 2021 6:00 PM**

Meeting was held remotely online with no physical presence via Zoom

Committee members present: Bruce Frauman, Marge Fish, Helena Wu, Kevin Beattie (ex-officio)

Others in attendance: Richard Phelan

1. Call meeting to order

Chair Bruce Frauman called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Bruce added Jennifer Probst to the agenda to talk about the state CRO update

3. Visitors and Concerned Citizens

None

4. Approval of Minutes - Meeting of October 28, 2020

Marge moved to approve the minutes of October 28, 2020 as submitted. Helena seconded. Motion passed unanimously

5. State CRO update

Lacking Jennifer, Bruce said that she said Mindy Blank is resigning as the Director and the Board of Directors is looking for a replacement. Jennifer is moving to an Advisory Board from the Board of Directors.

6. Old Business

a. Covid-19 - Update

Kevin said things are slowing down after a winter surge. The state started offering vaccinations on Wednesday to those 75 years old and older, which is about 31,000 people. There is not much activity in emergency management because we are "in the groove."

Marge said the Health Department is using Rescue Inc. from Brattleboro to handle the logistics of vaccinating residents in Windham and Windsor Counties including homecare. Six people from Londonderry Rescue will be assisting. There is a six hour limit from the time a package of vaccine doses is opened and when it goes into someone's arm. It does need to be warmed up first. Each package from Pfizer contains 6 doses while Moderna has 10 doses. Kevin asked if they could tag team- one person administers the vaccine while another moves onto the next person. Marge said sometimes yes. The vaccines will be stored in West Townshend.

Marge said a HEPA filter and better air exchange has been installed at the Londonderry Rescue Squad building so that it could possibly used for an emergency operations center should one be required.

b. Warming/Cooling Center update

Marge said we should not open a warming or cooling center until Covid is under

control. If there is a winter power shortage, we should treat each case individually. Bruce suggested we could use motels as a warming center, if needed. He will ask motels if they have generators and if they are willing to house an emergency warming or cooling center.

Kevin said the school is available for an overnight shelter, the gym is not being used for student sports. The Red Cross cots and blankets are still in the gym. Other supplies are still in Kevin's garage in waterproof bins. Kevin said the Rescue Squad building may be available for storage now that the HVAC project is done. Marge said it could go into the corner where the gym equipment used to be.

Kevin said in past warming centers during power outages, people mostly used the building to charge their phones. We could figure out how to do that safely.

c. Window Dressers update

Bruce said the 2020-2021 building season has been canceled. The only thing we could do now is apply for grants in March to provide windows for those that cannot afford to buy them. These people would still be expected to contribute in some way. If the 2021-2022 building season goes ahead, we could still apply for a grant in September that could apply to a 2022 window building workshop.

1. Vote to continue?

Kevin, Marge and Helena all said they support the idea of Window Dressers, but don't have time to put into it. Helena said when it is a go, we could reach out to other towns for volunteers. Bruce said we are currently paired with Winhall and Wardsboro, but they have not committed either.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of future of CRO

Bruce said we are struggling but keep going. The CRO is often used as a forum for others, for example we attracted Champion Fire Department, Rescue Squad, and other to a meeting on Covid in March. Kevin said the topic of resilience has a lot of overlap with other committees. He said he is close to updating the town Hazard Mitigation Plan, a 3-4 month process that the town is hiring a contractor to help with. We are not legally required to update the plan but it qualifies us for FEMA projects and emergency funding. The CRO will be invited to the table.

Kevin also said he may propose revamping emergency management into a committee form. He said the CRO has been tremendously supportive of his position. Perhaps it is time for emergency management to not be a one man show.

Helena said the CRO could be folded into other organizations while we retain that which makes us unique which is sustainability.

Richard said he was impressed by the Rescue Squad's response to 500 calls a year.

b. Coordination with Project Londonderry

Bruce said Project Londonderry seems to be primarily economically oriented. Marge said One Londonderry is a part of Project Londonderry in bringing in Rural Development for coordination and moderation.

8. Set next meeting time and date

Helena said she liked meeting every three months. Bruce said that was because of the 4th Thursday in November and December were holidays. Still the

committee came to a consensus that we should meet every three months on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. We could be called to a meeting earlier if the need arose.

So, the **next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 22 at 6:00 pm on Zoom.** (Earth Day)

9. Adjourn

We adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm

Respectfully submitted Feb 2, 2021
Bruce Frauman, Chair

Approval expected April 22, 2020

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