

# LONG TERM RECOVERY COMMITTEE

## REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

(gorecovery@goshenct.gov)

Present: Mark Harris, Chairman; Colleen Kinkade, Recreation Director; Anne Green, Business; Pastor Sara, Church; Janet Hooper, Community; Martin Connor, Robert P. Valentine, First Selectman, Ex-officio member. Absent: Jeremiah Sattazahn, Education; Peter Bernard, Fire, EMS; Greg Brick, Business; Clint Thorn, Farming;

**1 Called to order:** Mark Harris called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2020:**

In a motion made by Anne Green, seconded by Pastor Sara, the minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2020 were approved as submitted. Voted unanimous.

**3. Members Reports:**

Recreation Director Colleen Kinkade reported that she is operating a full summer camp program at Camp Cochipianne this summer and will be offering a summer concert series also. In these operations, social distancing will be in place. Events will be on the town website, local signage, *Town Topics*, etc.

Pastor Sara reported that the Congregational Church will not yet be engaging in indoor services, but are looking at outdoor options. St. Thomas will be considering the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September for weekday services, within the protocols of social distancing, etc.

Bob Valentine stated that in his contacts with Fred Rosa EMS Coordinator, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital has no COVID-19 patients there since 6 1 20.

**4. Survey Questions:**

Marty Connor asked if a town-wide survey has been created. Anne Green stated that a "sample" survey was authored by Greg Brick. He asked if the overall survey was "business oriented". Chairman Harris stated the importance of gathering a "town-wide" or whole community type of survey. Region 6 has created a survey specific to school-type issues. Bob Valentine reported that the NWCOG is gathering information culled from the municipalities of the members, including information from their senior centers.

Colleen Kinkade after talking with Debbie DiPietro, offered to distribute the survey to the seniors at the Annual Senior Picnic to be held Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, wherein the cars of senior citizens can receive a copy of the survey for them to fill out and respond to.

A discussion took place on various ways for the general public to be able to respond. Monkey Survey, General survey on town website, e-mail responses, written response to include self-addressed stamped envelope, etc.

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Marty Connor reported that one of the major issues affecting all towns, municipalities is *child care*. Many former child-care operations that closed during COVID-19, are not planning to reopen due to the social distancing restrictions and limited number of children who can attend – these businesses can no longer be cost effective. This translates onto major problems for those parents needing to go back to work. He added that restaurants are also being affected heavily, due to limited number of patrons allowed inside therefore resulting in less wait-staff needed in the daily operations.

Anne Green stated that the local farmers in town need to be included in this survey. Clint Thorn can be a good resource garnering their needs and problems.

**Colleen Kinkade will put together a sample survey.** Send suggestions for the survey to her and she will put together a survey for consideration.

**5. Public Comment: None**

**6. New Business: None**

**7. Old Business: None**

**8. Next Meeting:** The next meeting for the *Long Term Recovery Committee* was discussed resulting in a decision to await the progress of the survey. An announcement of that date will be made accordingly.

**9. Adjournment:**

In a **motion** made by Janet Hooper, seconded by Anne Green, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted,



Lucille A. Paige, Recording Secretary

Received June 11, 2020 @ 1:09 P.M.  
Attest Bonnie Z. Bueh  
Goshen Town Clerk