

LONG TERM RECOVERY COMMITTEE

Special meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

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Present: Mark Harris, Selectman & Chairman; Colleen Kinkade, Recreation Director; Peter Bernard, Fire/EMS; Anne Green, EDC; Greg Brick, GBC; Clint Thorn, Ag Council; Pastor Sara, Church of Christ Congregational; Janet Hooper, Community; Robert P. Valentine, First Selectman, Ex-officio member.
Absent: Jeremiah Sattazahn, RSD 6

1 Called to order: Mark Harris called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. Introduction of members: Members were introduced.

3. Swearing in of members: First Selectman, Robert Valentine rendered oath of office to each member.

4. FOI: Mark Harris explained the requirements of the Freedom of Information Statute (FOI) to members.

5. Availability of membership lists and info: A list of all members with contact information was distributed.

6. Long Term Goals: In discussion it was agreed upon that each member would render their area of expertise regarding community needs and economic recovery (from COVID-19). In addition each member will reach out to garner the community needs. At the next meeting, members will discuss community needs including resources, contact persons, and agencies that can be used to assistance/help our community. The Good Neighbor Fund or another 501 (C) 3 nonprofit may be used as a fiduciary for any grants or donations this Committee may obtain.

7. Immediate needs: Upon reaching out to the community, the members will bring back those groups/people who are in immediate need and those that need long-term help. Strategies will then be created to address those needs. Email: gorecovery@goshenct.gov.

8. Use of Outside Help: Where identified, members will bring back those agencies/groups that can contribute their area of expertise.

9. How Often to Hold Meetings: In discussion, it was decided that, at least initially, the committee will meet every two weeks. If, however, additional meetings are needed, a schedule will be posted. A questionnaire will be created and sent out to the community. A good source of publicity to the community will be *Town Topics*, which is mailed to each residents' home (next mailing is June 12th). Janet Hooper cautioned that if only e-mails are used, some people may not be contacted. An email address was created for residents to give impute to the committee, gorecovery@goshenct.gov. Bob Valentine reported that the Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) is drafting recovery plans, although they may need to be modified to be better suite Goshen. Also, the NWCOG will be a good source of guidelines and information as it pertains to towns in the northwest corner.

Recreation Director, Kinkade reported that summer program at Camp Coch will need to be modified due to guidance issued by the state Office of Early Childhood (OEC). In particular, rules issued on social distancing, (6ft) during activities, etc. She also stated that she has reached out to neighboring towns to see how they are addressing running their camps. Colleen stressed that given the isolation people are feeling, camp and recreation programs are more important than ever.

Pastor Sara is reaching out the other churches to include them in the process. Chairman Harris emphasized the need to "focus" within each members' specific area but are not limited to that area. Bob Valentine mentioned to members that Goshen is part of Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS), Region 5 and they will be working to coordinate recovery for our region.

The next meeting of the Long Term Recovery Committee will be Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment: In a motion made by Robert Valentine, seconded by Colleen Kinkade, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige V.P.

Lucille A. Paige, Recording Clerk

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