

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY RESPONSE TEAM March 31, 2020

Committee Attendees: Bev Johnson, Mary Holt, Donna Damon, David Hill, Melissa Yosua-Davis, Leila Bisharat, Eliza Jane Adams, at large; Ann Kirkpatrick, School; Denise Hamilton, Library; Marjorie Stratton, Town; Steve Auffant, CRC

Public Attendees: Bob Grant, Chip Emery, David Hill, Deb Bowman, Donna Colbeth, Doug?, Jackie Trask, Marty Trower, Nancy Earnest, Trish Haines, Ruth ?, Erika Neumann

Steve - CRC Report: Programs and facilities are closed until 4/26/20. Steve expressed concerns that the summer fundraiser might not be held. The Rec is still working on summer programming; thinking about virtual workouts; want people to feel connected to the REC – even if they can't go there. Hope to lessen fears.

Melissa – Church Food Pantry Report: The Food Pantry's mission has changed. It will be for everyone who needs something to supplement what folks have on hand. Donations are welcome but not required to access food. There is \$8000 in the Food Pantry account. Leila has a team ready to fundraise if we need more money. No one knows what the need will be or for how long. The committee is developing a clear message re: how to access the Food Pantry.

Donna –Community Outreach/Connecting with Neighbors Report: Whenever possible make connections with mainland friends and family to buy groceries and pick up prescriptions so islanders can stay on the island. We need to reach out to folks who we know who are living alone but don't hover!

Thinking of you project: Send a note, email, or call to check in. Talk about the future with a positive attitude! Donnie MacNeill will be hanging the flag at the Museum; Christmas lights are still on at night there as well as at many homes (Thanks Eliza Jane)!

Masks Discussion: Folks are making masks and we should be following the CDC guidance to cover the face with masks, bandanas or scarves to keep hands off face when out and about. Chip commented that the more people who wear them, the less stigma. We should all act as if we and everyone else has the virus.

CIHS Resilience Project: encourage the people of Chebeague to write, create art, and music during this time of confinement. CIHS will display after this is over.

Eliza Jane: What are the needs of the community and the “what if “ scenarios?

Food supply chain is cut? Internet goes down? Access to mainland changes? We need data on needs!

Communication:

Chip: Introduced WWW.CHEBWEB.com -already 700 visitors! I need something! Is the tagline. (The place to go for that proverbial cup of sugar)

Donna: We need to hit all platforms and demographics

Numerous people chimed in re: Communication with great ideas as follows:

Most current info at top of page;

Streamline communication from all groups relative to Chebeague with subheadings

Keep summer folks connected: What can Seasonal Friends Do e.g. contribute funds; outreach to folks here; participate in virtual meetings; participate in projects; etc.

First communication update will be snail mail to all and explain how to find info on WEB, use Zoom etc. and who to call for what etc.

Future updates on-line: Bev's site, Town site and various other platforms.

All non-WEB residents will get updates snail mail/ or phone call if real emergency message

Suggestions: Bev, Leila, Marjorie and Erika

- **Must act quickly with updates/quickly changing landscape! One document!**
- **"One stop shopping"**
- **Phone Tree for folks who don't have Internet**
- **Marjorie will share Town info** with committee
- **BOS Statement**
- Clearinghouse for timely communication
- **Each Community Partner** has a space for updates
- **Island Market Update**
- **Transportation Updates CTC/CBL**
- Best practices – what to do if you don't feel well
- **How to get food to the island** e.g. Whole Foods not taking new customers but Rosemont Market, Harbor Fish etc. will expand with contact info
- **CDC, State, Federal**
- **EMS/Local Health protocols**
- Less clicking/all in one doc
- **COVID 19 protocols**

Jackie Trask: Must ally fears of those who feel isolated/overwhelmed. Jackie offered help.

Bev: Working on connecting folks with I pads and Hot Spots

What are essential services? David offered to follow up with the State.

Next Meeting: April 2, 2020 - Town Zoom at 1pm

Note takers: Mary Holt/Donna Damon