

# MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY RESPONSE TEAM April 9, 2020 (amended)

## Next Meeting Tuesday April 14 at 2 pm.

**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; Carol Sabasteanski, CTC; Michael Hollendar, CTC; Polly Wentworth, CBL; Erika Neumann, Communications

**Public Attendees:** John Holt, Aaron Julien, Abby Julien, Donna Colbeth, Jackie Trask, Marty Trower, Ruth ?

**Minutes:** Erika did not receive the last minutes – Donna will follow up. David requested that people not use the chat box because no one was monitoring it. Just raise your hand and Melissa will call on you. Bev discussed latest update. Donna moved to accept the minutes; Michael seconded: unanimous.

**Board of Selectmen:** Donna reported that the Town declared a state of emergency on April 6. It was extended to the end of the emergency at the BOS April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Increasing the Town's insurance umbrella to volunteers is a benefit. For example if the Town needed to use Nathan Doughty's boat, it could be covered. Marjorie commented that it gives the Town the ability to act quickly. She added that we would follow the lead of the State as to when it ends. Marjorie commended Bev, Leila and Erika for their work in communications.

**Communication:** Bev reported that Erika was doing the brunt of the work. Bev is cutting and pasting. Leila thanked Gloria Brown and Marjorie Stratton for their help. It has taken a lot of their time. Erika noted that they are sharing the updates and links is committed to developing non-electronic options for those with out access to technology or in case of power outages. The next big update/newsletter will be at the time of the CTC insurance break through. The paper copy to residents will go out at that time. Erika thanked Carol for volunteering to send out info via CTC text/email app. Electronic platforms are TOCI; Chebeague.org; ChebWeb; &?

Leila asked Donna to look at the spreadsheet of folks who might not have Internet. The number seems relatively small. Bev pointed out that some folks get info on their phones.

Melissa asked how many snail mail pieces we needed to generate. Donna responded that the idea was to send something out to postal patrons and give them the option to contact the Town Office if they wanted mailed copies. The Town will generate the mailing and use the Historical Society's bulk mailing permit. Denise commented that the mailing should not be too long; bulleted and clear.

Melissa noted that we need to set a target date for when it should go out. John Holt mentioned that the mailing should be coordinated with Sheila. Leila commented that we should wait for the CTC update next week. Erika said she would manage mailing.

**School:** Ann reported that the school building and grounds including the playground and ball field are closed to the public as well as CRC and its grounds. She will contact parents.

Donna mentioned that Sharon Bowman had noticed kids playing together in the blow downs on Deer Point not social distancing. Polly stated that we need to get the message out. Ann volunteered to add social distancing to her message and will direct it to Pre K -12 parents.

Eliza Jane noted that the paths near her house have been used appropriately.

### Community Updates:

**CBL:** Polly suggested the committee look at the CBL Website for up to date info. Erika will check it out.

**CIHCC:** Denise is the Library rep. She will check with the Council re: if they need support for any of their programs.

Melissa reminded all community partners that they should updates to Bev, Leila and Erika.

**CTC:** Carol reported that they were moving cars back and forth from Cousins – Rt. 1. The power company won't allow parking in their lot at the top of Wharf Rd. CTC is considering requiring masks on the boat to protect passengers and crew.

**Church:** Melissa reported that the Church is making sure that everyone in the community has access to masks.

**CTC:** Nancy Hill, Patti Rich and Jessica Ireland are all making masks for the boat. She noted that insurance is changing re: transporting Covid -19 restrictions because of push back around the country.

**Food Pantry:** Denise reported that we need to tell folks that it is not just for food insecure. It is for everyone to fill gaps. They will have fresh produce on Wed. 10:30-12:30.

**Other Issues:**

**Jackie Trask:** Jackie mentioned that the next two weeks we should expect a surge in the spread. We should publize why it is important to wear masks. Paper copy should include that some folks are asymptomatic and can be dangerous to others. Donna reiterated the Surgeon General's warning that we should all act as if we had it.

**Melissa:** suggested the message be: stay home – it's everywhere. Ann suggested: Stay on the island if you can; don't go to the mainland if you don't have to; youth congregating must stop; stay in as a family and hunker down! Melissa commented that anyone could be a carrier.

**Donna:** messages need to be positive

**Leila:** We need to call out demonization on social media.

**Melissa:** After some discussion about essential services and workers as potential spreaders it was suggested that folks who have workers come to the island remind them that they need to social distance, wear gloves etc. It was also suggested that we might have a link to a list of essential services. Erika commented that the links are very clear re: essential services and the Governor's orders.

**It was decided that if folks want paper copies of subsequent updates sent to them, they should call the Town Office.**

Leila moved to adjourn and Mary seconded. Unanimous.

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