

# 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, Eliza Jane Adams, at large; Ann Kirkpatrick, School; Denise Hamilton, Library; Marjorie Stratton, Town; Carol Sabasteanski, CTC; Polly Wentworth, CBL; Erika Neumann, Communications

**Public Attendees:** John Holt, Abby Julien, Donna Colbeth, Jackie Trask, Tricia Rubenstein, and Pam?

**Minutes:** Several typos were noted. Donna agreed to fix them and send out a new copy. Beverly moved to accept the minutes as corrected; Erika seconded. Unanimous.

**Transportation:** Carol reported that CTC could now carry COVID-19 EMS patients as the result of extensive negotiations with its insurance company. Certain procedures need to be followed including all passengers must sign a waiver. The details of the announcement and the protocols can be found on the CTC WEB site. All passengers must wear masks. CTC will have them available on the boat. A suggested donation for each mask is \$5, which will be donated to the Food Pantry. CTC is having ticket books printed so that passengers can tear them out and leave them in a box on the boat. A 10 ticket book will be \$30; must be purchased through the CTC Office. They will not be sold on the boat. Process for purchase can also be found on the CTC WEB site. People who are going for COVID Testing cannot travel on the Independence. The plan for barging a car over with the person needing a test is still in effect.

David thanked CTC and the folks in Augusta for resolving the problem of transporting EMS COVID 19 patients.

**Council/Samaritan Fund:** Denise reported that she had verified that anyone in need of help with fuel or medicine should call Ester Knight 846-4178. This service is totally confidential.

**Food Pantry:** Melissa reported that the Food Pantry would have fresh produce. If there are items people need they should contact Jen Howard. Information about the Food Pantry is posted on the Church WEB site. Melissa noted that Julie Doughty at the Island Market was doing a great job keeping the island supplied!

**Communication:** Erika reported that the committee had developed a draft of an Update to go out to the community in the mail. Each partner is represented. Ralph will have the opportunity to review the draft. She noted that a crew was needed to for assembly. The Town will print the update. CIHS will mail it with its "Resilience" mailing. The Town will reimburse the CIHS for the postage. Hopefully, it will be mailed on April 15. Marjorie commended Erika for all of her hard work on the Communications Team!

**New Topics:** Melissa suggested some new topics to add to the discussion.

1. The Church is supplying masks through its Community Support Committee. They are available at the Post Office, the Store and the Food Pantry. Numerous volunteers are making them. If you need one and there are none at the places listed call Polly Wentworth.
2. Options if you get stuck on the mainland include: Call 211 if it is related to emergency/testing; Freeport Inn has some rooms for emergencies; Fogg Water Taxi in Freeport is available; Chebeague Water Taxi will be available later in the season.
3. Mental Health issues may need to be addressed. Eliza Jane and Erika will work on this issue and report back.

John Holt noted that Marjorie had added the CART minutes and the names of Committee members to the Town WEB site. Committee members need to provide contact information to the Town Office.

Erika moved to adjourn and Polly seconded. Unanimous. Adjourned 2:45pm

## Next Meeting Tuesday April 21 at 2 pm