

# CART Minutes November 19, 2020

**Committee Attendees:** Melissa Yosua- Davis; David Hill; Bev Johnson; Donna Damon; Eliza Jane Adams, AL; Erika Neumann Communications; Kiran Grewal, CRC; Marjorie Stratton, Town; Mary Holt; Michael Porter, Yacht Club; Kim Venkataraman Tennis; Matt Ridgeway CTC; Polly Wentworth, CBL; Leila Bisharat  
**Public Attendees:** Donna Colbeth; John Holt; Chip Emery; Jenny Hackel; Nancy Hill; Jackie Trask

The Meeting was called to order on Zoom by Melissa Yosua-Davis c. 4pm.

There were no organizational updates.

Erika noted that the Governor had updated her policy re: closing bars and restaurants at 9pm to limit extended gatherings.

Eliza announced that most of the supplies that had been ordered were in and were being distributed to appropriate recipients. Extra masks will be available at the store and on the boat. Nancy Hill offered to help put the mask “kits” together for island wide distribution. Eliza shared that the KN95 masks were more comfortable and more effective than cloth masks.

Marjorie reported that the Town had been reimbursed for expenses in June, July, August. Eliza will provide appropriate forms. Eliza thanked David, Donna and Marjorie for the grant.

Erika reported that there was a great article in the Wall Street Journal that uses swiss cheese as a metaphor re: filling the holes through which the virus could spread. The more layers of protection – the more protections block the holes. The message has to be that COVID is the enemy and anyone can contract it. We need resource information available in the event of a spread. It would not be a disaster plan but an inventory of resources.

There was a general discussion about the virus: Donna described how North Haven was dealing with their outbreak. They were contact tracing locally and telling everyone to stay home. Eliza reminded the group that North Haven had 17 cases and that we are vulnerable too. Polly was concerned that people were getting tired of being alone and may tried to get together. Nancy stated that people might not share if they have been exposed or diagnosed with the virus. Eliza said we have to keep repeating the CDC guidelines. Melissa warned that there are dangers in moralizing.

Jenny reminded the group that people should quarantine before and after they are tested if they plan to get together with friends. They should think through their plans carefully.

Jackie shared concerns that folks were using the Cousins Island freight shed. Jenny said that the shed could be used for people with medical issues. Jackie asked about the capacity and wondered if that could be limited? Matt stated that CTC doesn't have the ability to police the freight shed, and he believes it should be available to those who need it. He is waiting for Ken Pelton to fix the shed heater. CTC will be able to load passengers quickly so there is no need to institute a layover policy.

Erika reported on the alert system. Chris and Vika have been trained.

Marjorie spoke about the TA transition. She will drive Justin Poirier around and introduce him to the employees. It was suggested that he be given a library phone book to help him. Marjorie feels that he will assimilate at his own pace. Erika will drop off a welcome packet to Justin.

**Testing Team Update:**

Jenny thanked Eliza and Erika for preparing and sharing holiday prep information. The rapid tests will be available soon. 118 tests have been conducted since July. Eliza commented that we are better off re: test availability than the mainland. There was some discussion about the Yarmouth Supt. urging staff and students not to travel during Thanksgiving break.

A discussion ensued re: contact tracing. The delay is a problem; there aren't enough tracker; we may have to use North Haven model and track ourselves. Just recommend testing and quarantining; they don't name names.

Melissa recommended we reach out to neighbors and friends during the holidays.

Donna reported that CIHS had cancelled all in store shopping. She suggested that we communicate with others virtually and through written notes.

Polly suggested that everyone stay home!

David played the video that Chip had made to say goodbye to Marjorie.

The CART committee thanked Marjorie and wished her well!

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm

NEXT MEETING: Zoom DECEMBER