

Draft CART Minutes: September 13, 2021

COMMITTEE Attendees: Melissa Yosua- Davis; David Hill; Ann Kirkpatrick; Donna Damon; Eliza Jane Adams; Justin Poirier; Jennifer Hackel; Kiran Grewal; Leila Bisharat; Mary Holt; Matt Ridgway; Michael Porter; Polly Wentworth; Sally Crapser; Nancy Hill; Mary Holt; Kim Venkatraman; Erika Neumann; Jenny Hackel; Sally Crapser; Jim Cox-Chapman;

PUBLIC Attendees: Jackie Trask; John Holt; Emily Short; Julie Ragan; Deb Weiss; Chip Emery; Donna Colbeth; Ted Ballard; Stacie Webb; Marcia Howell; Cathy MacNeill; Kendra McKinnon; Warren Bogle; Tom Phipps; Chris?; Bill Tarter, Teddy Houghton, Jessie Graham?. ***(There may have been more people. 2 screens were filled and people were coming and going!)***

3:00pm Melissa called the meeting to order via Zoom

Purpose of the meeting: To determine what additional resources the community may need re: the Covid 19 pandemic. This includes but is not limited to safety measures, community organizational needs, Town needs, School needs, Testing Team needs. Private businesses will create their own protocols.

Nancy Hill updated regarding current cases, all vaccinated, not seriously ill

- Nancy has only 2 rapid test kits left; they have been ordered but have not arrived.
- Jenny Hackel had spoken to Long Island and they are short of rapid tests too, but will share if needed.
- Contact tracing questions: Nancy not sure who is doing it, but she has told individuals to notify those they may have been with while pre symptomatic and symptomatic.

Debbie Weiss- Was a contact tracer; she suggested to contact CDC for information; 211 is an easy number to contact CDC.

Donna Damon asked for clarification re: -how long would a vaccinated person have to isolate after being exposed to virus.

- Melissa suggested that this issue be researched and included in communication sent to community

Michael Porter suggested looking at the front page of CDC website

Erika Neumann asked Matt Ridgeway and Deb Weiss to post links that are most helpful

Jenny Hackel spoke with Dennis McCann of Long Island; due to the manner of testing - one box of supplies has only one bottle of liquid, so it is difficult to share; Jenny has about 80 PCR tests at home; The protocol is to test at day 3 and day 5 after exposure/hoping for negative result.

Jim Cox-Chapman discussed the definition of close contact. People must be in direct contact – not just a walk by on the road. There needs to be a significant viral load and it takes time, which is why you wait 3 days for the first test.

Testing - Donna Damon reported that there is \$5500 money available in the Church account from the Recompense grant for Covid needs related to testing, etc.

Erika Neumann asked if it is appropriate to use the word outbreak to describe what happened on Chebeague and the consensus was yes.

Melissa- You can find caseload at zip code on CDC site - this is public information - no names involved.

Ann K- School can't share names of people who have reported being exposed/infected; Yarmouth school nurse is notified; Ann shares CDC brochure with parents. School is working with families - shares what CDC shares and calls to get answers for questions asked by families. Sent info to pre-K to 5 parents.

Eliza Jane asked if we have done enough testing relative to the current "outbreak"?

Nancy Hill- thinks so; early identification is key.

Jim CC- Risk for getting a break-through (after vaccine) case is 5%. Nature of exposure is key; in home is significant exposure. Do everything you can to protect one's self; wear masks in doors and outside in gatherings.

Matt Ridgeway- concerned re being able to staff the boat relative to quarantine recommendations, but he is following CDC.

Donna Damon suggested that we must take personal responsibility and follow all protocols we followed last year.

Melissa suggested that we make sure we have our resources: rapid tests and resources for testing team; KN95 masks & KN94 masks

Eiza Jane- Town has a good supply of masks; disposable and KN95s; The group asked if she would make the masks available to the public at Library, Town Office, and Rec Center. It was determined that the fewer locations the easier to keep stocked.

Ann K- shared need for disposable masks at school. Donna Suggested that the school apply for a Recompense mini-grant if they need funds.

Donna – There is a need for hand sanitizer - it's a question for Town because the Town's grant paid for the initial supply.

Eliza - Does Town take place financially of Keep Maine Healthy grant funds?

Jenny shared that testing team \$ is available for testing supplies not general supplies such as masks and hand sanitizer.

Justin Poirier - whoever is holding the \$ should order the supplies.

Donna- Town can apply to Recompense for \$500 mini grant for hand sanitizer

Justin agreed that he could do that relative to the General Grant Article.

Jenny – When the testing team disbanded, they gave extra supplies to the Commons.

Eliza noted that central coordination is a problem. The Town still has gloves from the Keep Maine Healthy grant. She'll get gloves to testing team ASAP. Needs clarification- is she functioning on behalf of the Town or as a private citizen? It was the consensus that she is a volunteer functioning on behalf of the Town, when it comes to distributing supplies that the Town bought with the Keep Maine Healthy Grant and the money approved by the Select Board to buy more masks.

Melissa- Erika's recommendations for message to community: For a starter, I believe the island needs a communication from the Town (signed by Justin or Covid "leaders" like Melissa, Jenny, David, Donna) with:

1. Facts of this outbreak based on CDC information

2. Resources on testing (what is available on island as of 9/13 and where to go to find the closest mainland testing site)

3. How to contact trace: 2-3 key tips (from signing up for an app to personal tracking)

4. Masking reminders- KN95 are best; social distancing

5. Recap of how to isolate/quarantine based on current CDC and Maine guidelines)

Communication Team: Jenny, Melissa, Erika volunteered to work with Justin to compose communication to Town - Justin will coordinate.

Donna Damon stressed there should be no shame related to this, no passing judgment.

Jim CC volunteered to pass on verbiage to Melissa for communication team.

Eliza is prepared to start distributing masks tomorrow; Town/Justin communication will formally announce the distribution of masks. Justin agreed that she would be distributing as a Town volunteer.

Next meeting: Monday, September 20 at 3:00

Adjourn 4:30PM

Mary Holt, Scribe