

CART Meeting Notes ... 8/12/2021

17 folks Attending today's meeting were:

14 COMMITTEE Attendees : David Hill ; Melissa Yosua-Davis ; Ann Kirkpatrick, school ; Donna Damon ; Eliza Jane Adams, AL ; Jennifer Hackel ; Jim Cox-Chapman, Commons ; Kim Venkataraman, Tennis Club ; Leila Bisharat ; Mary Holt ; Matt Ridgway, CTC ; Michael Porter, Yacht Club ; Nancy Hill ; Polly Wentworth, CBL

3 PUBLIC Attendees : Chip Emery ; Donna Colbeth ; John Holt

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- **meeting called to Order 4: pm**

... facilitating: Melissa

Melissa ...

- changing guidance from CDC
- Delta variant highly contagious
- public communication needs to come from the Town
- "We know how to do this; we don't need to "reinvent wheel" . We have testing team in place as needed.
- 14 counties – recommendation of mask wearing, not required ... Dr. Shah, 8/2/21

School ... Ann K ...

- data changes on minute to minute basis
- if you're indoors – wear a mask as per Commissioner of Education

CTC ... Matt

- Federally mandated for masks on public transportation includes embarking and disembarking
 - Masks required on gangways

BOS ... Donna D

- Today Dr. Shah stated the last 2 counties are headed toward substantial transmission. Half of customers at LL Bean wore masks. Town is still in state of emergency until the end of the pandemic per initial declaration under Marjorie. Justin, as TA is in charge per the Town's ordinance in collaboration with EMS Chief and the BOS.
- The BOS authorized the purchase of masks last spring. Eliza Jane Adams is the volunteer coordinator for that project
- Justin can reach out to organizations and businesses on island to let them know that supplies are available
- It is up to the Town Administrator to create some kind of communication regarding local guidance on COVID 19 response

Communications ... Leila ...

- We don't have important pieces in place ...
 - communication
 - individual to ensure organizations have need supplies, etc.
- we need to hear from Justin ... where do we go from here?

CIHS ... Donna D ...

- today Gov Mills mandated all who work in health care must be vaccinated; businesses set their own rules
- museum requires staff to wear masks; masks are suggested for visitors but not required; masks are available if needed
- Royal River Heat Pumps suggests CIHS open windows and doors when guests are in lobby area because large room isn't open

CCTT ... Jim Cox-Chapman ...

- we have professional support and a State that does things right.
- we should be wearing masks indoors.
- there should be masks at doors of Inn, stores, library, anywhere there is an indoor space
- there is nobody to blame but behavior to change

Chip

- agrees
- what happens when we over-react and under-react
- masks are less than a lightning rod
- Maine and Chebeague have many transients

Polly

- testing? Going back to school testing available?

Jenny

- only 30ish rapid tests left and they are for those with symptoms
- will order more supplies and will ask Ann Bowman and Nancy Hill for assistance

Ann

- meets with superintendents and county schools/testing before school: has not been discussed

Jenny

- testing is for keeping Chebeague community safe

Melissa

- suggested Jenny touch base with testing team members and identify exactly what they are able to do to support community

Jenny

- asked Jim CC, Nancy Hill to meet with her and Kip
- has 20 molecular tests left

There is still money from the Recompense Testing Grant. We need to have supplies on hand if needed.

Testing is if people are ill or may have been exposed; not for travel

Masks ... Eliza Jane

- ordered 2000 disposable masks and distributed them
- is ordering 1500 KN95s and 500 N95s
- we must be mindful – they should be handed out – folks should not be able to take handfuls

Leila

- money should not be a deterrent
- we need to have necessary supplies
- we do have a public health position in town
- Justin might need assistance to get message out to community

Donna

- message – people are tired of the pandemic but with the variants we need to still be careful

Mary

- we wear masks to protect others – those vulnerable and/or too young to be vaccinated
- science has shown fully vaccinated to be asymptomatic carriers of Delta variant

Nancy

- we should have clean, good quality masks

Jim CC

- due to Delta variant, KN95s would be best choice
- children can't be vaccinated yet
- masks needed, especially as we move back indoors

David

- CART's getting back together sends a message of seriousness

Donna

- Korean KN94s are available for in both adult and children sizes
- KN94s are more comfortable
- will ask Rachel where to get KN94s for kids

Melissa

- there is a need for a message to community re:
 - need to wear a mask
 - testing is available
 - CART has activated
- should come from Justin

Jenny

- we need to forge ahead and work together
- put one foot in front of the other

Eliza

- important that message comes from CDD or State – not locally generated

Michael Porter

- having info come from town makes it more official than from CART

Donna

- will work with Justin

David ... NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 8/26/21, 4 pm

move to adjourn ...

unanimous ...

5:05 pm