

Craftsbury Neighbor2Neighbor June 3, 2021 Meeting – Minutes

Meeting commenced at 7:16pm. In attendance: Kris Coville, Chair; Penelope Doherty, member.

Discussion

1. Food Share.

- Kris reported the Craftsbury satellite food pantry is serving an average of 70 families per week; the Albany location serves an average of 60 families per week. There has been some drop in numbers but not much.
- Everyone Eats – no news yet on how long FEMA funding will be available.
- Soup Supper is transitioning from the Food Share back to the Church on the Common. Kris met with the Church Council and they are preparing to lead the next phase.

2. Accounting Update.

- Michelle had provided Kris with a great accounting of our two town accounts: the grant income (for emergency safety and communications uses), and the General fund which contains donations from the community. Donations earmarked for special purposes (food, etc) have been used for that. Other expenditures include the masks, hand sanitizer, and other expenses/assistance during the year. Kris is checking on any “end” dates for the expenditure of remaining funds in both accounts.
- The East Craftsbury Presbyterian grant for food assistance is on a timely track for full expenditure.

3. Vaccine Clinics – Kris clarified there will only be one clinic, on either 6/8 or 6/14 – not on both dates as originally understood. Glover Rescue offered this wonderful community support to the Selectboard.

4. Future Meeting Schedule and Roles/Responsibilities.

- Kris reiterated the intent to move to a quarterly structure **(Oct/Jan/April/July)** after the July 8 meeting unless and until needs dictate otherwise.
- **Kris will continue to keep the volunteer assistance list active** for the food pantry and will let others know if she gets a request for something outside that scope. **(Discuss possible refresh of list at July meeting.)**
- The town’s emergency management plan update is beginning; Penelope sits on that group and will help to represent the N2N initiative for Kris.
- **Kris will discuss with the SelectBoard the formal structure of the committee’s membership** in order to meet quorum and other needs in future operations.

5. Updates from Schools/Churches/Businesses.

- The Albany General Store opened today, June 3, to a stellar crowd. Kris reported lunch was packed and then there was a huge 4pm rush. They are off to a great start!
- Kris reported the Craftsbury Farmer's Market is doing really well. A few attendees felt a bit overwhelmed by the crowd but Kris made sure they had options for shopping assists and a place apart to sit while waiting. In general Kris observed folks had breathing room to manage their comfort zones well.
- Penelope shared the Craftsbury Community Care Center is happily moving towards a more normal activities schedule as restrictions allow. Residents can now visit with each other without masks and a group was recently spotted happily reclining in the front room listening to music together. A ray of sunshine!

6. Other Business. There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

*(**Bold** indicates a task to be performed)*