

## Craftsbury N2N Between Meeting Communication Document

Everyone should feel free to post up dates, share ideas and agenda items here:

### **10/1/20 Agenda and Meeting Summary**

#### **Participants:**

Kris

Michelle

Louise

Suzy

Kit

Tim

Gina

#### **Updates:**

##### **\*Thursday Food Distribution-Possible HAFP Satellite update**

71 households served this week at the Pop-up. Represents 211 individuals based on Kris' queries. Households represent - 9 Albany, 6 Wolcott, 1 Newport, and the remaining are from Craftsbury. Sterling class is assisting with the distribution for a couple of weeks. Coordination among farms and with Sterling students is occurring, resulting in vegetable collection/gleaning at various farms and packaging at Petes.

Discussion regarding giving customers choices ahead of time for those getting deliveries. Kris will look into either online or paper ordering forms.

How about having soup and cold cereal available?

Need to keep food donations via boxes at the Churches and the stores going. Advertise again via FPF.

Kit and others are waiting to hear from the VT Foodbank before undertaking another ask for community dollars. A more permanent location is also being investigated. Church is supportive for the immediate future, but the Church has space needs that will require careful coordination before committing to the next 6 months. Right now the Church's recycling bin needs relief. Kris will make sure the pop up recycling is taken elsewhere. There may be space options at Sterling.

**\*Everyone Eats Grant/Meals program (cookie donations needed)**

Monday meals have been going well. Would like a few more restaurants/caterers involved. C-Village, COC and others will be asked. Need additional contributions of desserts - cookies or bars. Michelle will reach out to a contact. Use some of the pantry items for those doing baking?

**Newsflash from Kit**

The Genny will open its doors Tuesday of next week. Curbside and online ordering will continue. May close the window.

**\*Firewood/heating**

No Updates

**\*Schools**

All going well so far

## **\*Wellness**

Efforts underway with the school kids.

How about online chat groups around certain topics such as art or crafts. Knitting circles? Water color instruction. Ski, snowshoe lessons or group outings.

## **New Business:**

\*childcare needs-babysitter “bulletin board”

Organize a list of babysitters as a Google doc that would be made available to parents in need. Minors would need parent permission. Gina and Michelle will look into options and help facilitate.

\*other business

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9/24/20 from KSims -

I’m wondering if there is a way this group could help support working parents. With the new health standards at schools that prevent kids from attending school or daycare when they have a running nose etc and that schools may be closed if covid-19 cases come up, parents may be in need of more support and help for caring for kids while also trying to work. I’ve heard of other communities that have established “babysitter” message boards or Facebook groups where parents looking for sitter and folks looking for babysitter jobs can connect. I’m wondering if this group might help set up some kind of similar system and encourage parents and sitters to use platform.

9/17/20 update from Kris:

Met with Reeve and Laura-Lee from Hardwick Area Food Pantry, Emily, Kit, Hannah D. and Joe Dauscher from the Vermont Foodbank,

I learned a lot more about the system and what it would take to become a satellite to the HAFP. Still seems like a positive long term possibility.

Submitted a request to the UCC for either a winter home or to consider a long term home.

Sterling Students from Food Action class will be volunteering starting next week at Soup Supper and distribution .