

CART Minutes September 24, 2020

Committee Attendees: David Hill ; Bev Johnson ; Donna Damon ; Eliza Jane Adams, AL ; Erika Neumann ; Kiran Grewal, CRC ; Leila Bisharat ; Marjorie Stratton, Town ; Mary Holt ; Michael Porter, Yacht Club ;
Public Attendees: Donna Colbeth ; John Holt

Donna called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM. She filled in for Melissa.

Minutes: Erika's name was added to the attendees of September 10. Mary moved and Michael seconded to accept the minutes. Unanimous.

Survey: Erika reviewed the results of the Covid Community Survey. David commended Erika on the quality and results of the survey. Erika commented that there were still some folks who were upset with the reaction of islanders and seasonal residents to Covid and each other. Some relationships need to be mended.

Covid Administration: Eliza Jane has been continuing efforts around information sharing and is preparing a magnet that shows Covid symptoms and how they relate to other maladies. She is also working on the budget and is ordering supplies. Eliza talked about working on the numbers on the Cousins Island Wharf and if people were supposed to be singles or be in pods.

CRC: Kiran, the Island Fellow, reported that the ambassadors had helped with the DJ Dance Party and the Chalk Drawing event. They are planning for Halloween and will schedule a community ZOOM planning meeting. Mary suggested a family scavenger hunt. Donna expressed concerns around large gatherings and suggested families or pods get together. Eliza would like to see all of the costumes seen at the CRC rather than remote locations.

BOS: Donna reported that there was not enough money to fund the Decon Room. The Fire Dept. was unable to help raise additional funds and there was no money in the Town budget. It was also confirmed that many island and mainland communities do not have this type of facilities.

Marjorie reported that the date for payroll will impact the money allocated for salaries. It will only cover up to Oct. 20 not the 31st.

The group brainstormed how the money allocated for the Decon Room should be allocated. Donna asked if Rescue runs could be included and Marjorie thought not. After much discussion it was decided to put the money back in offsetting a % of the Town's salary budget. That may or may not be possible. The committee did the best it could to fill a request from the Fire Chief but couldn't do it alone.

Testing: Dr.'s referral no longer necessary for testing. The testing and courier system are working well. Testing days have changed to Monday and Thursday. Massachusetts residents are no longer required to test before coming to Maine.

School: Mary and Bev reported that school was going well. All protocols in place. Erika said the same is true in Yarmouth. Online learning being readied in case of an outbreak.

What is next: Donna asked if we have missed anything during the last 6 months. Erika suggested a written crisis plan needs to be developed. Donna suggested that we need a list of "safe houses" where people could isolate if we have an outbreak. Marjorie suggested that we have an emergency plan. Eliza suggested that we needed a plan for housing and food which are not part of a Town Plan. After a discussion Donna asked the essential question: How do we do it? Next steps need to be developed. Eliza spoke about developing a plan for immunization when the vaccine is available.

Michael moved and Mary seconded to adjourn at 5:07 pm. Unanimous.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 10/8 AT 4 PM