Long-Term Recovery Committee February 10, 2021 – Regular Meeting Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Barden, Charlie Brown, Marjorie Mlodzinski, Chuck Maynard, Jack Faski.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Matt Bordeaux, Michelle Noehren, Dave Koji.

OTHERS PRESENT: Board of Selectmen Liaison Rosemary Coyle, Natalie Maynard.

1. CALL TO ORDER

In Chair Bordeaux's absence, Greg Barden called this Regular Meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

2. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

M. Mlodzinski requested adding a discussion of the Committee Charge.

Motion by: M. Mlodzinski

to add Discussion of Committee Charge to the agenda as Item 4a.

Second by: J. Faski.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

3. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None received.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the January 27, 2021, meeting were presented for review.

Motion by: J. Faski

to approve the minutes of January 27, 2021, as read.

Second by: M. Mlodzinski.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

4.a. DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE CHARGE

M. Mlodzinski was looking for the charge to be expanded to include implementation. It was noted that the charge had been expanded by the Board of Selectmen to include: "The Committee's findings and recommendations, based on feedback from the community members, will develop and assist in implementing strategies consistent with its findings and recommendations.

5. IMPLEMENATION PLANNING

M. Bordeaux has spoken with Youth Services Director V. Gaeto about programs discussed by this committee – pen pals, intergenerational activities, expanding the gardening program, possible games. A *National Day of Unplugging* is in the planning stages and V. Gaeto has stated she may need help with the program.

The idea of volunteers making wellness calls to those seniors who are somewhat isolated is something the committee members would like to follow through with. M. Mlodzinski will check with Director of Senior Services P. Watts to talk about the criteria needed to implement these calls. Privacy issues are a concern so seniors would be asked to sign up for the calls.



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The possibility of a classroom of students becoming pen pals was discussed and the committee will reach out to the Chair of the Board of Education to discuss it.

A form of communication for all citizens to access has been discussed as a digital bulletin board. M. Bordeaux left information about a similar idea in Manchester that he will look into and he will also speak to Parks & Recreation Director Tiffany Quinn about her recent new FaceBook page that has been created for community use. D. Koji may be able to add some information to create a form of communication for community information.

M. Mlodzinski mentioned one of the results of the survey by this committee was the difficulty some families were having with the technical side of the children being home with school work and the possibility of training and/or resources for parents. Isolation for the students with no sports and not seeing their friends was another issue.

6. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None received.

7. ADJOURN

Motion by: M. Mlodzinski To adjourn the meeting. **Second by:** J. Faski.

Vote:

Unanimous to approve.

G. Barden adjourned this meeting at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade Clerk