

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Matt Bordeaux, Greg Barden, Charlie Brown, Marjorie Mlodzinski, Jack Faski.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Maynard, Michelle Noehren, Dave Koji.

OTHERS PRESENT: Board of Selectmen Liaison Rosemary Coyle, Cathy Russi.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Matt Bordeaux called this Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

No additions or deletions were requested.

3. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None received.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the February 10, 2021, meeting minutes were presented for approval.

Motion by: G. Barden

to approve the February 10, 2021, meeting minutes, as read.

Second by: M. Mlodzinski.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

5. IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING

Chair Bordeaux reviewed the information received from the various department heads that spoke with this committee. This committee has learned a lot of information on the great work that is done at the Senior Center, Parks & Recreation, Youth Services, G. Barden and J. Faski of the Colchester Business Association, food distribution, Chatham Health with the vaccine distribution and the First Selectman's office.

At this point the question is how to best utilize and direct this energy and move forward.

M. Mlodzinski said there is a small population according to the survey that do not have easy access to information, "How do we meet that need?"

One idea is a community bulletin board where all groups would be able to place their information. Just recently a new page has been on the website but under the departments heading. G. Barden suggested that it should be on the homepage where it would be more visible.

Selectman Coyle suggested taking what the committee has learned with their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

J. Faski noted that when there is a need that shows up on FaceBook, the need is met in a short period of time. The question is how do we get help to those without internet. J. Faski suggested an unofficial town committee to try to connect to those people or an unofficial place for solving problems.

Chair Bordeaux said Director Val Gaeto is hoping to have an *Unplug Day* in April and would like feedback and/or help from this committee.

Chair Bordeaux will check with other communities with established Long-Term Recovery Committees and with the new Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Members will send Chair Bordeaux two or three items that they feel are most important.

6. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

C. Russi spoke on possible policy and procedures on confidentiality to allow volunteers to help.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: G. Barden

Second by: J. Faski.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Bordeaux adjourned this meeting at 5:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk