

Long-Term Recovery Committee  
October 7, 2020 – Regular Meeting  
Zoom Meeting

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Matt Bordeaux, Greg Barden, Marjorie Młodzinski, Jack Faski, Charlie Brown, Dave Koji at 4:12 pm, Chuck Maynard at 4:28 pm.

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TOWN CLERK

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michelle Noehren.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Board of Selectman Liaison Rosemary Coyle, Cathy Russi, Linda Pasternak, Jack Grimord.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Matt Bordeaux called this Regular Meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

### 2. ADDITONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Bordeaux requested deleting the Business Survey Discussion and substituting Discussion of Implementation of Findings from Resident Survey as Item 6.

**Motion by:** G. Barden

to delete Discussion of Business Survey and replace it with Discussion of Implementation of Findings from Resident Survey.

**Second by:** M. Młodzinski.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve by those present.

### 3. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

L. Pasternak spoke about the lack of technology equipment and ability for some of the population in Colchester. L. Pasternak noted that the Connecticut Tech Act Project may have a grant or information that could help.

C. Russi noted that it would also help the seniors to have virtual visits with doctors and some people just do not have the funds for the technology necessary.

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the September 30, 2020, Regular Meeting were presented for review.

**Motion by:** G. Barden

to approve the minutes, as read.

**Second by:** M. Młodzinski

**Vote:** Abstaining: J. Faski, C. Brown, (absent from meeting).

In favor: All others present. Approved.

### 5. DISCUSSION OF RESIDENT SURVEY REPORT

Chair Bordeaux stated that the Connecticut Data Collaborative information is in the report and there are some minor revisions to be made. The original charge for this committee was to identify the impact of the virus and to give recommendations for solutions to other groups and organizations for help. The finalized report will be sent to members for review prior to being sent on to the October 15, 2020, Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting. The findings and the suggested implementations will become public when presented to the BOS. A note in the

report recognizing the CT Data Collaborative work and that the suggested implementations are possible ways to help and for various reasons may not be able to be completed.

D. Koji joined the meeting during the above discussion.

#### **6. DISCUSSION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF FINDINGS FROM RESIDENT SURVEY**

The discussion included a possible forum, appeal to various groups for donations of used computers, grants, an article in the local paper and online workshops. Chair Bordeaux asked the members to find the most pressing aspect or need from the group questions they reviewed and bring ideas for implementation to next week's meeting. Some suggestions were to engage the town department heads such as Social Services, Recreation Department, to include the Economic Development Commission, prepare a resource guide for information on available help with various needs such as mental health, financial aid, not just for citizens but for the local business community as well.

M. Mlodzinski stated she will look into more specifics about the CT Tech Act Project.

D. Koji left during the above discussion.

C. Maynard joined the meeting during the above discussion.

#### **7. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

L. Pasternak stated that the elderly and marginalized populations may not be able to afford technical basics  
such as access to the internet.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by:** M. Mlodzinski  
to adjourn this meeting.

**Second by:** G. Barden.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve by those present.

Chair Bordeaux adjourned this meeting at 4:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade  
Clerk