



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

LONG-TERM RECOVERY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

4:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

MEETING MINUTES

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Attendees: Greg Barden, Marge Mlodzinski, Chuck Maynard, Michelle Noehren, Alex Levere, Charlie Brown.

Others: Rosemary Coyle, Board of Selectmen Liaison
Matthew Bordeaux, Town of Colchester Planning Director

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Bordeaux called the meeting order at 4:00 p.m.
2. **Discuss Strategies to Evaluate Community Needs** – Mr. Bordeaux discussed building an inventory of groups that the Committee has access to, groups and organizations they should seek access to, a list of the tools the Committee could use to best share information, and some of the existing resources that should be included in whatever messages ultimately get sent to the public. Mr. Bordeaux read to the Committee a list of community organizations that Committee members described being a part of or having access to at the last meeting. The Committee offered a number of additional groups of people or contact persons that should be added to the list.

Mr. Bordeaux reported on some people that have reached out to him that wish to have their community organizations considered in long term plans as well.

Mr. Bordeaux reported on his discussion with Mike Caplet, Emergency Management Coordinator for the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Region 4. In response to a question regarding the Boston consulting group that the Governor's office hired, Mr. Bordeaux stated that the consultant was responsible for rolling out the multi-phase reopening plan and would not really be the long term response resource that the Committee would be looking to.

Mr. Bordeaux also reported on a conversation he had with Cindy Praisner regarding childcare. Mr. Barden suggested that a useful piece of information for many families would be to provide a means of identifying childcare options and their availability.

Ms. Noehren shared some of the work she put into preparing a community survey. The Committee discussed preparing a survey for businesses as well as residents. The survey would then be converted to an Excel spreadsheet so that analysis could be easily conducted without intensive data entry. The

Committee discussed different means of distributing hard-copies of a survey to folks that may not have easy access to a computer or smart phone. The Committee discussed including some information that would guide folks with immediate needs to places that might help, but to set expectations for their participation with the survey.

Mr. Barden offered to work on some questions that could be included in a business-focused survey.

The Committee also discussed the value of information on how the pandemic has changed day-to-day lifestyle needs and habits. This information was seen as valuable in preparing the community for whatever the next challenge is we face.

3. **Citizen's Comments** – There were no citizen's comments.
4. **Other Business** – There was no other business.
5. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.