

Margy notes from IC MEETING March 26, 2020

Attending via teleconference:

Nathan Potter, EMD; Becky Owens, Emergency Co-Coordinator, Susan R (?), Keith Lyman, Jr. (?), Kevin Gish, Selectmen; Greg Elder, Volunteer Coordinator; Suzanne Jones, Mary Stoddard, Deb Jones, Finance Manager TOS; Margy Becker, Selectboard Assistant; Keenan Haley, SES Principal

Nathan Potter convened by meeting at 5:00PM.

Updates:

Schools: Keenan Haley talked about how he is feeling and his, thankfully, mild symptoms to-date. He is self-isolating for minimum of 14 days and per CDC guidelines. The school lunch curbside program just served 82 meals, a huge increase. They are doing 7 direct-home deliveries. Matt Moore current driver. Bus drivers are being re-directed elsewhere in the SU. A second driver will be needed, if this increase accelerates. Next week pickups will be offered M,W,F in order to give the kitchen staff a break. Food will be supplied for two days per pickup. Otherwise – all is okay now. Additionally, Bethel is going to serve as a site for an essential-worker child care center. Sharon is a backup location.

Greg Elder will share an email from Willing Hands. Nathan mentioned he had dropped off masks to the school and to the Food shelf. Becky Owens indicates she has 11 masks, which she will also get to the school. They could be washed. They are made according to the construction manual for masks. (*don't know proper reference*)

Food Shelf: Mary Stoddard reports their hours need to be better publicized. They are not seeing that many people and they have plenty of food. The Price Chopper order is in; the meat order is in (Hannaford); there is bread, and there is fresh spinach donated by Luna Bleu Farm. Their hours are T,Th 4:30-6:30, and Saturdays 10am – noon. Mary indicates the core group of volunteers will be kept on, rather than bring in additional volunteers. This is safer. There IS a Backup Plan and call list, which she will share with the IC Team.

Sharon Health Initiative: No update.

Volunteer Coordinator: Greg has sent out a note to all SHI volunteers asking them to sign up on the IC volunteer list. Katie Chesnut and Greg are contacting at-risk-people. Suzanne is also calling.

South Royalton Rescue: Becky Owens reports all are fine currently. They have just received some new protocols regarding triaging on-scene, and are just only absorbing the new information. Some patients may not be delivered to hospitals. They are coordinating with Gifford?

Selectboard: Kevin reports the SB sees its largest role as informing and educating. There appears to be some overlap of information K. Gish is receiving from legislators and what IC Team members are receiving and posting to the website or listserv. Kevin reports that the State legislators are reporting expected increases in unemployment claims; the ripple effect should be an increased demand for food at the food shelf. The Selectboard is considering how donations to a COVID19 Fund similar to the fund set up for Irene recovery could be established. It was suggested the Sharon Congregational Church be contacted. The SB is also researching how trash could be collected for those who are home bound. Kevin then summarized the most recent email from legislators, which describes new legislation affecting the Open Meeting Law, upcoming elections, and more.

Website: No report.

Finance: Deb Jones was thanked for preparing letterhead for the IC Team to use. She is researching how to best manage donations, including discussions with the Trustees of Public Funds. And yes, she will contact brother Ken Wright at Sharon Congregational Church re: donation fund.

Sharon Fire Dept; Nathan Potter thanked Joe Ronan for finding some N95 masks. The SFD is functioning okay now.

Meeting Frequency; Nathan Potter, and IC Team members agreed, that the IC meetings will occur weekly going forward on Mondays at 5PM. No more Thursday meetings. The EMD was encouraged to rely upon telephonic meetings to reduce person-to-person contact, as there were 4 people meeting at the Fire Station.