

Coalition Hope Meeting  
September 19, 2023  
6pm  
Seventh Day Adventist Church Berlin Vt

Attending-Rich Curtis, Anna Aguirre, Dawn Hubert, Nathan Woodall, Tom Ferguson, Ashley Warman, Dan Molind, Lauren Rochat, Stacey Laberti, Pat Archambeault, Ty Rolland, Jody Paige, Don Leblanc, Jon Kilian

Dan Reported on housekeeping items

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Total towns to cover are still fluid. Some towns are now being covered by other organizations- even some within Washington County are being covered by other groups. Some outside Washington County have no coverage. Trying to keep our target area within a 45 minute drive possible due to work crews and equipment and material transportation, however this may be adjusted due to proximity and need.

Some supplies have already been delivered in the area.  
Hardwick- now has Community Cabinet-may need ongoing support  
Schools supported-Cabot, Hardwick, Berlin, Barre City, Barre Town,  
Woodbury, Marshfield, Orange, Washington and Plainfield

Dan Interviewed with Times Argus today.

Dan will be talking tomorrow; September 20th, with the Vermont Community Foundation regarding a possible grant.

At 6:11 pm a quorum of officers was recognized and the meeting was called to order.

Dan moved first to vote on the By-laws. Due to the length of the previous meeting all additional questions regarding the by-laws were submitted via email prior to the meeting and copies of the updates sent with the meeting post. A few people said they had not received the final review. It was decided to move forward with the vote.

Rich Curtis moved to accept the By-laws as submitted  
Don Leblanc seconded  
Motion passed

Survivor Assistance Guidelines- no changes made

Donald LeBlanc made the motion to accept the document  
Ty Rolland seconded  
Motion passes

Initial Budget -6 months

Dan reminded everyone this is an estimate with 70% directed to flood survivors and 30% towards operating expenses. This document would be used to present projected costs for the first six months for purposes of grant writing.

Rich Curtis made the motion to accept the budget as presented.

Tom Ferguson seconded the motion.

The motion passed

Tom Ferguson did ask about receiving accountability requirements. Dan said requirement can be different depending upon the donating agency. There will however be a system of tracking and accounting for incoming funds and how they are utilized

Dan said a web site is already being developed.

We did receive a grant this week for building supplies and construction tools.

Reimbursement grants might be difficult since money is sent after it is actually spent.

Next chair to Committees/Task Forces.

Some names/titles may be adjusted to more clearly reflect function.

OPERATION-Enablers- TeamCoordinator-Support Task Force

PLANNING-Assessment-Rebuild-Repair-Job Management

LOGISTICS-Donations-Warehouse-Thrifts Shop Task Force

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY- Encouragement-Emotional ,Spiritual-Case Work Task Force

FINANCE -Money -Grants-Donation Tracking-Funds Tracking

Don LeBlanc -Self Nominated for Logistics

Voted Passed

Tom Ferguson moved to nominate Jon Kilian for Finance Chair

Rich Curtis seconded

Motion Passed

Dan said keep in mind who might be a good fit for other positions. We have mission teams available to come in October. The web site should be available for the public soon.

New Web Site will have three directions

Give Help/ Get Help/Come Help

Time for community groups, churches and individuals to start thinking about how they would like to participate and how time and talent could best be utilized.

Pat suggested that goods and services that have already been utilized and given out should be accounted for and published on the web-site. This could generate both interest and address the issue brought up at the previous meeting that only "residential owners" were being assisted.

Tom Ferguson asked if everyone could tour the building and gym to view the space to be used for housing and goods already on sight.

Meeting was adjourned at 658pm