

Hope Coalition Minutes June 3, 2024

297 Vine Street
Berlin Vt
8 people attending

Called to order 605pm

Print copies of the May Minutes were available for review. Minutes were accepted for May and passed unanimously.

Laura McEnerney- Hope Coalition's Capstone Caseworker has finished her UMCOR training and is now taking cases. Everyone who has taken the UMCOR training has said it is very helpful, with flow charts, screening processes and should make Case Workers Process more uniform.

Case Update Report

119 Home Completed
12 Homes out for Assessment
35 Homes in Rebuild
25 Excavation projects- 3 with estimates
746 completed cases
3 VDRF cases

Treasurers Reports-was submitted and unanimously accepted.

It was discussed that due to multiple large purchases being made through the busy building season the Debit card had been tried and rejected where we already have money prepaid into an account. The debit card will be suspended at this time to avoid additional fees. It was also voted to hire Abacus bookkeeping services to track funding for accurate record keeping for tax and grant fund purposes. With multiple vendors, job sites, and purchasing agents the tracking for funds had expanded beyond the scope originally intended under the description of Treasurer.

Dan shared the Mennonites are settling in at the Vine Street Location. They have extended their time commitment to 12 weeks and are sending their own administration and project managers. Due to space constraints Hope Coalition administration will be relocating to the Journey site in Plainfield. This is also where our intern will be billeted who will be assisting with case work and VDRF submissions. Work is still to be done to finalize the building for occupancy.

Dan shared a heartfelt thankyou from the homeowner. "There was no way I would have been able to do these repairs on my own. I live on a fixed income, and I am not physically able to do the work myself".

The 1sr round report is due to the Vermont Community Fund. Dan will be sending this forward this week.

Mennonites log individual hours at each site and this will be entered into each file. This information will then be entered by Dan into the Monday- (Stormwise) Platform. This is a new platform with limited release, but eventually will have date current for all LTRGs in the state. We are reviewing and cross checking with the Hope files to make sure that all our records have been entered into the database. These are the sources that funding groups such as Vermont Community Funds and others will look at in the future.

The target goal is for 3 homes to be completed each week. There are some homes with significant damage that will have teams working on them on and off through the summer. It is felt that many of the homes can be completed by a team within the one week span. After a month teams will review to see if additional teams need to be requested for late summer into the fall.

Team Rubicon and Fiat are sending special purpose teams on June 28th and 29th at the request of Barre Emergency Response to fill 10,000 sandbags to be stockpiled in the event of future floods.

UMCORs teams are working in the ME Kingdom this summer.
Interns are scheduled to arrive on June 18th.

Meeting was adjourned at 710pm.