

Hope Coalition Meeting  
March 3, 2025  
297 Vine St  
Berlin VT

Meeting Called to order 6pm

Financial Report Submitted and Accepted.

Secretaries Report Submitted and Accepted.

Coates Foundation and Vt Community Foundation advised "we are preparing to assist with the Plainfield rebuilding effort. VCF is planning to assist with purchase of land. (cow Pasture) VCF plans to loan funds to purchase at 2% interest. Land estimate \$100,000.00. A 2.5 million grant from the State of Vermont would be utilized for infrastructure and permitting. These funds can not be used to build the individual structures.

Lease agreement for Plainfield Mission House Site agreed at \$1500.00 per month.

Capstone has asked for an extension of contract , and they plan to turn over unresolved cases to Bridge Management.

Since funds for actual rebuilding efforts will not be expended until 2026 it was voted to divide remaining balance to CD/Money Market and checking account.

20 people are expected 27Apr-03 May and 22Jun-27Jun from World Renew to assist with projects as needed.

FEMA has not resolved appeals for private bridges and other work. Bridge work is coming to a standstill. There is concerns that if issues of funding are not resolved the ground will become unworkable until fall and we may lose the commitment of mission teams to assist on these rebuilding efforts.

NorthEast Kingdom has shut down for the winter months.

Ty advised the tool trailer is now organized-some items in trailers are Ty's for bridge building work.

Meeting adjourned at 730pm  
Next meeting April 7, 2025-6pm