

Minutes Hope Coalition May 6, 2024

297 Vine Street

Berlin VT

Meeting brought to order 606pm

8 people attending

Old Business

Tool Trailer- has been purchased and filled with tools for the use of Hope Coalition Volunteers.

Reimbursements Due-

Chris Dawson-Money due-trash dump payments from debris cleanup

Enough Ministries -payments for purchases of goods and materials priors to fund availability

Minutes for April Meeting read and accepted.

Stormwise has been contracted by the State of Vermont to develop an on-line statewide community tool to share across all parties showing flood damage rebuild and recovery information.

National VOAD Conference this week. Alissa Vigil of Capstone is representing Vermont.

Treasurer's Report submitted and accepted.

Insurance questions and concerns regarding liability for the job site and Hope Coalition sit. Many groups such as the Mennonites, Team Rubicon and others carry their own insurance. Hope Coalition also has insurance. SDA also carries insurance on the building. It was suggested that the

insurance presently utilized by Hope Coalition be checked out with other agencies to see if this is the best policy available.

David Murphy has been named the Recovery Director for Vermont. A \$390,000 grant from UMCOR has been given for the Northeast Kingdom and they will be sending all their teams to work in this geographic area this summer. They will be working from the Covenant Hills location. David Arruda the NorthEast Recovery Director will be departing as interim from Montpelier area June 1st.

The Riverton building may be available for volunteer overflow if needed. They have 2 rooms with 22 beds (one a double) and 2 showers and a full kitchen.

A Capstone Case Manager, Laura- is scheduled to start with Hope Coalition this week. The plan is to have her focus on VDRF funding and renters. Generally when VDRF funds are south Hope Coalition is no longer helping since the money is going to a contractor, and within our bylaws we do not include renters as they are someone "money generating" property.

#### Incoming Teams

May 16-17 and 20-21- Fannie Mae-they will take care of housing and meals. Their advance staff should arrive Tuesday the 14th.

Capstone was working with the National ToolBank to obtain a trailer, however this may not be available. If this falls through we will utilize the new Hope Coalition Tool Trailer.

The Mennonites are scheduled to start coming in with teams for the summer June 22nd.

#### Rebuild Status

Homes Rebuilt	116
In Assessments	13
In Rebuild	25
Closed	746
Excavation	25
VDRF	3

## New Business

### College Interns to Arrive June 18th

Volunteer Coordinator one person-lining up jobs-team placement

Materials Coordinator one person-lining up materials to be where workers and jobs are when needed

Case Management– Liz from UMCOR has offered their training program if we have people interested.

Possible ways to continue to reach out to the communities in our area. It is felt there still may be people in need who are not aware that Hope Coalition exists and is available to assist them. We may find that many with minor issues or funding have taken care of their needs already. There may be the elderly and overwhelmed who have not even started on recovery yet.

Pastor Tom said that they could possibly start a door to door inquiry with areas targeted by flood maps for the worst impacted areas. Also fliers to put up at gas stations and grocery stores throughout our region.

Meeting was adjourned at 729pm