

Mighty Londonderry
(Londonderry Community Resilience Organization)
Minutes - January 12, 2016
Londonderry Town Office Building

Called to order at 5:37 pm by Bruce.

Attending: Bruce Frauman, Dick Dale, David Plants

1. Dick moved to accept agenda. David seconded. Passed 3-0.
2. Dick moved to approve minutes. David seconded. Passed 3-0.
3. Bruce reported that he introduced both Londonderry fire departments to the inventory plan and left copies of the Phase One form. The response was polite, but tepid. He does not know who, if any, filled the forms out. Bruce decided to wait until after the holidays before presenting the plan to the Baptist Church. Dick reported that an article will be included in the current newsletter for the 1st Congregational Church. We concluded that direct follow up was necessary to assure getting the forms back. Only about 10 forms were filled out and kept with the town clerk. On five of those, residents indicated they are willing to help with CRO projects. Dick asked Bruce to follow up with all ten respondents.
4. Dick proposed a direct mailing to all permanent residents. David suggested we call them homesteaders or full-time residents instead of "permanent". We agreed to use the term "homesteaders". On questioning, Dick said he chose to start with homesteaders because of cost. This will take "a long time". We plan to start just after town meeting. It was noted that Neighborhood Connections put the forms aside as "no one" was filling them out.

David talked with Victoria Silsby at the Collaborative about getting middle school students to help distribute the forms. They can help distribute them or at least ask their parents or guardians if they have been filled out. Once the Phase Two form (now called Core Data) is done, David will show it to Neil and Sarah at Floodbrook and see if they are willing to help with distribution through students. At the least, they can remind parents that the forms have been mailed out, and ask them to please fill them out.

We might be able to include the forms in the Champion and Phoenix fundraising letters.

5. Bruce said (again), he missed the deadline for getting funding

through the Thrifty Attic. He has contacted the Stratton Foundation, but has not received a response. He looked over criteria for grant funding from the Vermont Community Foundation, which funded the state-wide CRO effort for one year, but said we (Mighty Londonderry) is not ready to apply. We need to have a specific project with specific community goals.

Dick said we could approach Jim Wilbur and Bobby Waite and others for funding. David knows a director of the Holtz (Holt?) Foundation in Grafton, Vermont. They are sisters who help fund groups for health related issues.

6. The state wide CRO did not get 2nd year funding from the Vermont Community Foundation, but the foundation did say individual CRO's were welcome to apply for a grant from their Small and Inspiring Grant Program.

7. Bruce said he found a profile of Londonderry (from the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan) which might suit the needs of the state CRO for their website. He sent it to Peg Elmer Hough.

8. The group spent considerable time editing the proposed Phase Two Core Data form that Dick wrote. Copies have been sent to everyone. We plan to finalize it by e-mail communication and approve it at the February meeting.

9. We did not talk about the River Corridor workshop being held in Montpelier on January 21. Dick said he would be unable to attend the CRO retreat and Resilience Vermont event to be held the weekend of May 20.

10. The next meeting was set for Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 5:30 at the Londonderry town office building. We will cancel the proposed January 26 meeting.

11. No other business.

12. Meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.