

Well-Being Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2021

Members Present: Pam Follett, Liz Markiewicz, Al Murphy, Channing Wagg, Mary Pavlik

Others Present: Cindy Worthington-Berry (UCC Boxborough), Wes Fowlkes (Select board), Becky Neville (Finance, Housing Trust), Karen Argento (United Way board member and new liaison to Wellbeing)

Meeting was held via Zoom due to ongoing COVID emergency. The meeting was called to order via roll call vote: Channing Wagg, aye, Mary Pavlik, aye; Al Murphy, aye; Liz Markiewicz, aye

1. Minutes from the January 27 2021 were approved by roll call vote: Channing Wagg, aye, Mary Pavlik, aye; Al Murphy, aye; Liz Markiewicz, aye

2. Fire and Response at 107 Swanson Road

Liz Markiewicz provided an update about the fire at 107 Swanson Road, with Becky Neville and Wes Fowlkes adding information. It was a four-alarm fire which damaged 24 units and displaced over 30 residents. The Red Cross was onsite but does not stay fully involved unless the number of lost housing is over 50. The Regency hotel sent over a shuttle van and continues to house many of the residents. Help is continuing to be mobilized with coordination by the UCC Boxborough, A-B United Way, Boxborough Select Board and additional volunteers. Housing has been found for four families, advocates are being matched with residents, and a fire relief website has been set up with resources and updated information. Cindy W-B continues to be a point person of contact with additional help onsite at the Regency now with Kim Dee, COA and Rajon Hudson, assistant town manager setting up a satellite site in the lobby. Housing is the highest priority, recognizing that these were among the most affordable units in Boxborough. Becky is gathering information to be shared about the BRAP program and possible Housing trust support. Specific volunteer expertise is being recruited to help oversee housing, transportation of goods, household goods, meals, law, and taxes.

Channing expressed a desire that the process and methods become institutionalized for future use.

Cindy expressed the need for gratitude and celebration, and an invitation, not expectation, to capture information. Heather Fleming hopes to create some documentation of the process at some point.

Gratitude was expressed for the extraordinary amount of time/availability/efforts of Rev Cindy Worthington-Berry, the generosity of the Boxborough Regency Hotel and the outpouring of talent, time and expertise of volunteers in the community.

This event highlights the need for a Community Support Coordinator.

3. Community Service Coordinator hiring position

Pam and Al are hopeful that the job offer to the recently interviewed candidate has been accepted. (Update is that the position was accepted.) The candidate is not looking for a full-time position at this point, as she is completing a doctorate in clinical psychology.

4. Community Service Coordinator memo

It was decided to adjust the 40-hour position to be more flexible, so that the FTEs could be for two part time positions for 40 hours total. Many surrounded communities have multiple part

time supports in place. That information will also be added to the memo being presented at the **Monday Feb 22 Select Board meeting**. Liz will present the memo.

Next meeting: at the Select Board meeting Feb 22

Meeting was adjourned via roll all vote:

Pam Follet, aye, Channing Wagg, aye, Mary Pavlik, aye; Al Murphy, aye; Liz Markiewicz, aye

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pavlik