

Somers Long Term Recovery Committee

(LTRC)

Meeting Minutes

7.7.20

Kibbe Fuller School

7:00pm

1. Finalize survey questions and decide where they will be posted – **Questions finalized and it was decided that it would be sent out via US mail, placed on the town's website and facebook page and sent out to the library, economic development, recreation and senior center email lists.**
2. Finalize the contents of the special edition of the Somers Connect – **Final draft reviewed and changes were made.**
3. Follow up with Brian Czpala – **Superintendent Czpala was invited and attended our meeting to discuss his crisis communication plan along with his crisis management protocol. The committee was thoroughly impressed with the level of rapid response to an unpredictable event. Brian indicated that having pre-defined roles and regular planning for managing crisis is so important.**

It should be mentioned and memorialized that the Somers Education Foundation was able to make a \$50,000 donation to the school district during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

4. Emergency Plans/Crisis Communication Plan – **Selectman Keeney, referenced his vast experience in dealing with crisis while working with FEMA. He, and the members of the committee agreed that plans need to be created for every type scenario. While having an all hazards emergency plan would cover some things, it would have to be written in a very generic way. There should be breakout books specific to a pandemic, fire, weather etc... Crisis management team should be meeting regularly. Training should also be part of a regular routine, often times to include town members. Communication is also vital. Reaching out to other communities is advised as so much can be learned from what others are doing. It would help too when developing policy.**

5. Review Business Directory and talk about next steps with getting information up to date – **Discussed at length how vital this component is to being able to communicate and address businesses unmet needs.**

Schedule next meeting: 7.14.20 at 7:00pm

Committee Members:

Chris Boucher

Anne Cournoyer

Jeff Golden

Dave Marti

Allison Maynard

Paul Salva

Bill Shapiro

Glen Reynolds (Liaison)

Tim Keeney, Selectman (Liaison)