



Community Resilience Working Group Meeting Minutes March 9, 2020

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm in the Volunteer Meeting Room, Town Hall, 13 Ayer Road, Harvard, MA

Members Present: Peter Kelly-Joseph (HEAC and Chair); Christiane Turnheim (Agricultural Advisory Committee), Lucy Wallace (Select Board), Staci Donahue (Planning Board), Janet Waldron, (Conservation Commission), Ellen Leicher (Citizen Member), and Ron Ostberg (Citizen Member)

Staff Present: Christopher Ryan (Director of Community and Economic Development)

Others Present: Rob Traver, WPI and member Agriculture Advisory Commission

Convene

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

New Business

Municipal Sustainability Report – No new information.

Initial Discussion of WPI Project

Rob Traver discussed the availability of students from WPI who are juniors who need to complete an Interactive Qualifying Project as part of their graduation requirements. Planned projects in Bolivia were cancelled and they are looking for opportunities stateside. The group discussed possible agricultural, stormwater, and other potential projects with Mr. Traver and decided to at least consider pursuing agricultural and stormwater projects. Chris Ryan would connect with DPW Director Kilhart to see if a culvert project could be devised that could be mapped. Christiane Turnheim said that she would speak to the members of the Agriculture Advisory Commission to see if they would be interested in the agricultural portion of the CAP project being assisted by students.

Coronavirus Planning

The group discussed how meetings could be conducted remotely and what kind of quorum issues would be relevant. The Town Clerk was going to check on physical quorum requirements for remote participation.

Old Business

The group discussed the upcoming interview with the sole respondent to the RFP, Kim Lundgren Associates on the 13th at 7:00 pm.

Other Business

No other business

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The next meeting to interview KLA was scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2020.

Meeting Minutes

The February 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes were approved

Adjournment

At 8:17 PM, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.