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Town of Vernon Recovery and Reopening Advisory Committee

Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 11:00 AM

Via Zoom Audio Teleconference

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator and Emergency Management Director; Dave Owens, Communications Specialist; Andy Marchese, Zoning Enforcement; Daniel Wasilewski, Fire Marshal; George McGregor, Town Planner; Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator and Recovery Officer; James Kenny, Police Chief; Lou Spadaccini, Town Attorney, and Patrice Sulik, Director NCDHD.

Members Absent: Bruce Kloter, President, Swiss Cleaners; Julie Clay, Town Council; William Meier, Vernon Police Lieutenant and Public Information Officer; Steve Prattson, Building Official and Pauline Schaefer, Town Council.

Roll call was performed at 11:02 by Cassandra Santoro.

2. Public Comment - None

3. COVID-19 Incident Command Update

Shaun Gately updated the committee on the following items:

- The Town has successfully brought our large COVID clinics to a close. Plan to cut down even more towards the end of the July.
- We have ramped up our pop up and disability clinics with help from the North Central District Health Department and the Connecticut Council of Developmental Disabilities. These will continue through the end of August into September.
- We will be done with our vaccination efforts in the next couple of months – depending on what happens with the COVID 19 virus.
- The State of Connecticut announced that 349,352 cases had been reported since the beginning of the pandemic. There have been 51 positive COVID cases reported since yesterday, which results in a 0.43% positivity rate.
- There were two (2) COVID related deaths since Tuesday. This results in 8,278 deaths in Connecticut since the beginning of the pandemic.

- Since our last meeting there have been two (2) new executive orders. There have been 105 executive orders since the beginning of the pandemic.

Discussion ensued.

Patrice Sulik confirmed that the pop-up clinics are running smoothly.

Dan Wasilewski, Fire Marshal

- The last Senior Center Clinic will take place on July 8, 2021. We are currently focusing on the pop-up clinics around town and looking into providing pop up clinics to surrounding Towns as well.
- There will be two pop up clinics at July in the Sky – Wednesday, July 7.
- All operations are running smoothly at this time.

4. Current Guidance and Orders

Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator and Recovery Officer updated the committee during the incident command portion of the agenda.

5. Local Recovery and Reopening Strategy

Chief James Kenny mentioned that recreational marijuana is now legal and that the Police Department is working with the Town of Vernon to change ordinances. There is no guidance at this time.

6. Next Steps

None.

7. Approval of the Draft Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2021-

James Kenny made a motion to approve the minutes of June 3, 2021 seconded by David Owens, the motion carried unanimously.

8. Adjournment

Daniel Wasilewski made a motion to adjourn, seconded by James Kenny, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Santoro
Administrative Assistant