

## Zoom Meeting Re-cap

Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Time: 12 noon

Attendees: K. Bielmeier (co-chair), Sara Blersch, Shawn Rochester, Neil Lustig, Father Joe Donnelly, Tom Marks

Recording: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izzs\\_8rINhY&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izzs_8rINhY&feature=youtu.be)

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### 1. Communication:

- Created: Town of Southbury's Website: <https://southbury-ct.org/LTRC>
- PR: Article in the News-Times 8/12/2020
- PR: Additionally **Tom's** press release went out 8/14/2020: <https://southbury-ct.org/news-feed/?FeedID=6788>
- E-mail will be the primary mode of communication between the committee and the website will be the primary mode of communication to the public

### 2. Community Member Reports:

- Houses of Worship: **Father Joe** reached out to the interfaith community; no feedback to report yet
- Health: **Neil** reported that the PDDH could use another person, as many needs are not being met. They are holding on and working hard. Doing contact tracing. Good news is, the rate of infection is low in CT: 2 people per 100,000 / day. We are seeing 3-5 cases a week in our district. Most recently a 10-month old! Originally, there were high concerns for Southbury because of our large senior population (20%), but thankfully we are, and have been, doing well. Typically, between 30 and 54 people get the flu. **NEED**: flu volunteers. "Escape from NY" phenomenon is real. A subdivision originally approved in 2002 is *just now* having houses built. **NEED** is **FUNDING** 2.4 million in funds given to the state out of a couple 100 million go to the local health districts. PDDH received just \$33,000 to spend over the year. The state holds on to it and doesn't distribute it.
- Farmers / Rural: **Sara** reported that they're busier than ever. **NEED** is: **LABOR** - Extra people are needed at the Farmer's Market. Payroll has increased. College students are returning to school. She will reach out the farming community.

3. Next meeting: Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon \* Guest: Eric M. Oubre, Sr. Director, Disaster Cycle, American Red Cross, Territory 5

4. Adjourned at 12:30pm