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Town of Vernon Recovery and Reopening Advisory Committee

Monday, May 18, 2020 at 1:30PM

Via Zoom Audio Teleconference

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Members Present: Town Administrator and Emergency Management Director, Michael J. Purcaro, Police Enforcement Officer, Andrew Marchese, Town Planner, George McGregor, Fire Marshal, Daniel Wasilewski, Economic Development Coordinator and Recovery Officer, Shaun Gately, Building Official, Steve Prattson, Town Attorney, Louis Spadaccini, Police Chief, James Kenny, President of Swiss Cleaners, Bruce Klotter, General Manager of Reins New York Style Deli Restaurant, Russell DeBella, Council Woman, Julie Clay, Council Woman, Pauline Schaefer, North Central Health District Director, Patrice Sulik
Additional: Cassandra Santoro, Recording Secretary

Roll call was performed 1:33PM by Michael Purcaro.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Michael Purcaro gave a brief overview of how the Town has been preparing and responding to the pandemic. Mr. Purcaro further explained that the role of government is to provide safe operating guidance and technical support to our local business owners to operate in a safe manner and to allow businesses to use their innovation and creativity to operate successfully within public health guidelines.

Discussion ensued.

2. COVID-19 Incident Command Update

Michael Purcaro explained that the Town of Vernon has focused on a community recovery effort since the onset of this pandemic. A Declaration of Emergency and an Incident Command System has been implemented by the Town on March 12, 2020.

Discussion ensued.

3. Current Guidance and Orders

Shaun Gately explained that the Executive Orders provided by the State are ever-changing guidance. The Town continues to read through all executive orders and interpret the guidelines that best fit the Town of Vernon. Mr. Gately further explained that this pandemic is something much different than we have seen before and that preparation is important and the Town is happy to help local businesses and community groups with interpretations of the guidelines the State enforces and remain flexible and adaptable.

Shaun Gately explained that phases will occur at a minimum of 4 weeks. Progression of phases will rely on outcome of the present guidelines. June 20th is tentatively the second scheduled phase of reopening.

Michael Purcaro explained that Administration and the Police Department will continue to assist the public to provide clear and technical support to all businesses.

4. Local Recovery and Reopening Strategy

Discussion ensued regarding permitting for area businesses. Fire Marshal Dan Wasilewski explained that the Fire Marshal's Office has made inspections and approval of the Temporary Outdoor Dining and Activity Application a top priority to get restaurants up and running.

The town is displaying the guidelines consistent with the executive orders to work with, as long as they are consistent and within those boundaries, the Town will see them fit. Remaining within the guidelines is the most important. Some may be different but as long as they remain within the guidelines we will be working with the businesses for approval..

Michael Purcaro explained that the Town will supplement businesses with the PPE whenever possible and is taking advantage of any opportunity available for obtaining PPE and supplies.

Discussion ensued.

5. Next Steps

Discussion ensued regarding cleaning/dry cleaning services, church services, and upcoming community events.

6. Next Meeting

Discussion ensued.

Next meeting date and time will follow.

Respectfully submitted,



Cassandra Santoro, Recording Secretary