



General Committee Meeting

Feb 23, 2023

10:00 am to 11:00 am

Zoom Meeting

Attendance

Natasha Waden (Arlington), Rajit Gupta (Ashland), Julia Genova (Bedford), Sara Schaffer (Brookline), Nancy Porter (Cambridge), Barbara Reardon (Canton), Linda Fantasia (Carlisle), Flor Amaya (Chelsea), Mary Goodwin (Cohasset), Melanie Dineen (Concord), Kylee Sullivan (Dedham), Sabrina Firicano & Krista Costello (Everett), Nancy Funder (Hanover), Scott Moles (Holliston), Shaun McAuliffe & Simone Carter (Hopkinton), Joanne Belanger, Kelliann Coleman & Alicia McCartin (Lexington), Nick Corcoran (Marlborough), John McVeigh & Sarah Ward (Millis), Michael Boudreau (Natick), Ginne Chacon-Lopez (Needham), Shin-Yi Lao (Newton), Abbie Atkins (Norwood), Sopheakso Sandy So (Quincy), Andrew Schelle (Scituate), Ellen Hartnett (Sherborn), Heather Aker & Taylor West (Southborough), Melissa Ranieri (Walpole), Shuang Shen & Taleb Abdelrahim (Watertown), Michele Schuckel & Julia Junghanns (Wayland), Leonard Izzo & Jhana Wallace (Wellesley), Kelly Pawluczzonek (Weston), Meghan Doherty & Alyson Roche (Woburn), Lauren Hewitt (Wrentham), Shelia Dibb, Caeli Tegan Zampach (MRCs), Kerry Dunnell (MRPC), Liz Foley (MDPH OPEM), Garrett Simonsen & Steven Mauzy (4AB PHEP)

Minutes

Nancy (Cambridge) opened the meeting at 10:08.

I. Approval of February 16 GC Meeting Minutes

- Shin-Yi (Newton) made a motion, seconded by Melanie (Concord) to accept the February 16th GC meeting minutes – motion approved.

II. Budget Modification Vote

- Kerry updated that budget modifications are due by the end of the week. The bulk of the unspent funds come from unfilled staff positions (MRC Programmatic lead, MRC support, and unpaid staff contractor leave. Proposed spend down includes:
 - a) Expanding contract with BME to fill the MRC coordinator and MetroEast MRC roles.
 - b) CDC *Control of Communicable Diseases* manual - one hard copy per community and an electronic subscription.
 - c) Increased web support from existing website contractors.
 - d) MRPC Conference designed to pull the region together with training and insight into the different systems and roles. Tentatively held on May 2nd, and open up to 200 people.
 - e) Zoom account upgrade for webinar capability.



- f) Misters for community events during hot weather.
- g) Three 50-person shelters.
<https://propacusa.com/product-category/shelter-supplies/cot-cart-kits-and-storage/product/K5500-W50/50-PERSON-SHELTER-WIRE-CART-KIT>
- h) One centrally located storage unit.

In the discussion, Natasha (Arlington) said she would like to see pictures of misters; without a visual, it is difficult to picture how and where the town would use just one. She asked where others use them. Nancy stated that Cambridge uses them for town day and hopes to use them at an outdoor EDS. Adrienne (Revere) uses them in parks for cooling. Melissa (Walpole) inquired about a hose-style mister to use in tents. Shaun (Hopkinton) seconded Nancy's desire to move EDS outside. Hopkinton utilized an outdoor location for flu vaccine clinics last fall. Joanne (Lexington) stated one mister could be useful for contributing to town events. Caeli shared a resource called Pocket Talk (<https://www.pockettalk.com>); Kerry stated she would review it as a possible spend down item.

III. New Business

- No new business.

IV. Vote and Adjourn

- Shin Yi made a motion to vote on: approval of the 2/16 minutes, approval of the proposed budget modification, concurrence, and to adjourn this meeting. Shaun (Hopkinton) seconded that motion.
 - 31 communities voted to approve 2/16 Meeting Minutes, and 4 abstained.
 - 29 communities voted to approve the proposed budget modification, 2 abstained, and 4 voted no.
 - 34 communities voted yes to concurrence, and 1 voted no.
 - All 35 communities present voted to adjourn.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.