Craftsbury Neighbor to Neighbor
January 26th 2026, 6:30pm
Craftsbury Public Library
Agenda/Minutes

ONLINE Meeting due to weather: Kris, Nathalie, Tim, Deb, Jamie, Paige
Meeting called to order at 6:36
1)Discuss and approve minutes of the 10/8/25 meeting
Tim moves to accept and Deb seconds. Motion is accepted

2)Updates on N2N emergency activation responsibilities:

a. Shelter Plan and alternative plans-next steps toward Red Cross (RC) re-certification?
Have not moved forward although the bins are in place. OSSU was contacted because of their current relationship to the RC. They manage the buildings and N2N does not have our own relationship with the RC. We can reach out to the RC person who lives in Wolcott. Kris will reach out to Penelope to get contact information. Deb is relieved that we didn't get calls during this extreme weather - but it brings to mind that it would be good to have shelter plans in place. Kris says it has been quiet through the online form. There doesn't seem to have been anyone in their cars in the CPL parking lot.

b. Citizen Outreach and Intake during emergencies-next steps?
Jamie reports that the subcommittee has not met. No update.

c. Committee Notification System(Call Down List)-next steps?
Penelope was going to reach out to someone else on N2N to hold this task. Kris thinks this is something that could be put together fairly simply.

d. Neighbors helping Neighbors mutual support process refresh-next steps?
Nathalie reports that there is a new form through a link on the Craftsbury Town website. She will reach out to Michelle to improve accessibility. There is a form for volunteers as well as those who need help. Kit/Nathalie/Kris will co-manage the email and take responsibility in shifts. Kris said that sometimes info comes through the form, sometimes through her role as town services officer, through community members, or the food shelf. Kris adds it to the spreadsheet so there is a record. Nathalie suggests inclement weather postings on the town website.

4) Discuss/initiate a working group with the aim of establishing a flood related emergency supply cache (muck and gut supplies, fans, sump pumps, ect). https://www.resiliencetoolkit.org/ - Paige discussed what a resilience hub is and the possibility of having one in Craftsbury. Kris asked how hubs are resourced and is it something that N2N should hold? Tim offers that working with the fire department should be considered. Deb wonders if anyone has reached out to the Select Board. Discussion follows. Jamie mentions that the energy committee is doing renovation on town hall into a more usable space which could serve as a communication hub. Nathalie thinks that part of familiarity with the toolkit and this model includes NEKO leading a community conversation. N2N will read and discuss the toolkit and Paige will bring Craftsbury possibility to the February 10th Hub team meeting to schedule a community conversation. There are N2N funds to invest in setting up a resilience hub.

“Finger on the Pulse” Updates:
a. Food Security – Kris - New food storage for the Craftsbury food shelf is almost complete. Craftsbury distributed 350-504 boxes of food over the last six months, serving 128 households and 340 individuals. The colder months are slower.
b. Mental Health – Kim - no report
c. Business – Kit - no report
d. School - Nathalie - OSSU budget increase passed with a 6.4% tax increase. There is a search for a new superintendent and there are two final candidates. The community was invited into the process of selecting the new superintendent.
e. Churches – Kim - no report
f. Health Officer – Tim - There has been a rabid raccoon in Crafstbury. Tim discussed the importance of reporting and proper disposal of dead animals to lessen the threat of disease spread to scavengers.
g. Emergency Management – Penelope/Jamie - no report
h. Youth Leadership - Nathalie - no report
i. At Large- Maddox/Paige/Deb - no report

7. Other Business - none
Tim moves that we adjourn - Kris dismisses the meeting at 7:25pm
Next meeting is Monday, April 8