

# Town of Chesterfield

## Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Committee

### Executive Committee

#### Minutes of the April 17, 2024 Meeting

Members Attending: Larry Cervelli, Joe Gazillo, Larry Holmberg

Members Absent: Don Willard

Liaisons Attending: Tommy Janik, Jr. via Zoom, Therese Brigley via Zoom, Jeane Anastas

Guests Present: Angela Panaccione, PVPC; Liam Gude, PVPC both via Zoom

Note taker: Larry Holmberg

#### 1. Call to Order at 1800 hours

#### 2. Mandatory State MVP Equity and Climate Justice Learning Series, Part 2

This is a facilitated web based training running from 1800 to 1930 hours.

Definition: Food Insecurity: combination of low wages, high housing costs, and job insecurity

**\*\*** The Committee as a whole commented that, in their opinion, the training curriculum did not reflect the small rural towns of Western Massachusetts.

#### 3. Following the training a free-flowing discussion on the communication problem

- a. Larry C. has spoken with Justin West and Peg Whalen; they are working on a wide-ranging communication strategy which will be presented to the Executive Committee at a later date.
- b. Larry H. suggested the possibility of a climate blog that might or might not be affiliated with the Town's website. Something entertaining but informative.
- c. Larry H. opined that a quarterly town forum on a single topic might be informative as well as a source of overall engagement for all residents.

#### 4. Core Team Meeting: Larry H. will create a Doodle Poll with possible dates and times. Larry C. and Joe will send suggested dates and times.

#### 5. Next Executive Committee Meeting: tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 6 pm at the Community Center.

#### 6. Meeting adjourned at 2038 hours.

#### Acronyms Used:

COA – Council on Aging

DPH – Department of Public Health

EEA – Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy  
and Environmental Affairs

DLTA – District Local Technical Assistance

HCDC – Hilltown Community Development  
Corporation

MLP – Municipal Lighting Plant

PVPC – Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Minutes Approved: ***April 24, 2024***