

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE ON
DRUG ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM**

June 15, 2021

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Municipal Alliance Committee was held by remote access, videoconferencing in response to Covid-19 and the updated Open Public Meeting Act guidelines on April 20, 2021, in the Town Hall Offices, located at 23A North Main Street, in Cranbury Township at 3:30 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Joann Charwin called the meeting to order at 3:45 PM.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J. S. A. 10:4-6) was filed on January 8, 2021, of this meeting's date, time and place, and the Agenda was posted on the Township bulletin board, sent to any requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk. Notification of remote access meetings, until further notice, was posted on the Township website on April 24, 2020 and sent to the Trenton Times, Home News and Cranbury Press on April 24, 2020.

ROLL CALL

Answering present to the Roll Call were, Joann Charwin, Krista Santoro, Kristine Fulton and Erin Santise. Alternate #1, Robyn Skeete was absent. Alternate #2, Susan Saravalli was present. Liaison, Dr. Barbara Rogers was present. Hannah Lovaglio, Walter Wright, Mike Owens, Susan Engelbert and Dr. Susan Genco were absent.

MINUTES

Joann asked for a Motion to Accept the May 18 Minutes with minor correction noted. Motion was made by Susan Saravalli to accept May Minutes with minor correction to be made. Seconded by Erin Santise. All members were in favor of acceptance of the May 18th Minutes as reported.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

No Student Representatives were present

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None presented. Joann asked Kristine Fulton if Student Representatives were able to produce public service announcements for the student body. Kristine did not believe the Student Representatives were able to create public service announcements due to many other ongoing end of year activities.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

POLICE REPORT

Chief Owens was unable to attend today's meeting.

LIAISON REPORT

Dr. Rogers shared the Township Committee had opted out of participating in six of seven options relating to allowing recreational cannabis sale and manufacture within Cranbury at the May 24, 2021 Township Committee

Meeting. They had the first reading of the Ordinance relating to prohibition of the sale and manufacture of recreational cannabis at the Monday, June 14th Meeting. No municipality has the option of opting out of the transportation of cannabis through a town. The only facility in Cranbury permitted to cultivate Legalized Medical Marijuana for alternative treatment has been approved to construct a 2nd facility. They are the only exception.

L.E.A.D. Conference - Joann advised the Board that the Conference will be held on June 27-30 of this month..

BUDGET

No changes.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall – Cranbury Day; Joann suggested having a table representing the Municipal Alliance set up for Cranbury Day. She asked for volunteers to help man the table during the day-long event. Erin Santise volunteered to help out at the table for a portion of time. Dr. Rogers suggested getting more volunteers as it is a long day. Alternate, Susan Saravalli also volunteered to help out. She mentioned the Historic Preservation Committee will also have a table that day. Dr. Rogers pointed out that several Boards will have tables on Cranbury Day and suggested putting them all in the same area so volunteers could assist with each other's tables. Joann thought that was a great idea and will speak with Laura Zurfluh. She will work with Erin with planning more hikes for World Mental Health Awareness Day on October 19th and asked the Board if they were in agreement. All Members were in agreement. Joann stated she would need volunteers to help with handouts on Cranbury Day.

Joann hopes to attend a Mental Health First Aid Course in August. She feels what she learns from the course would be an asset to the community. Dr. Rogers suggested doing only 2 hikes instead of 4, as it might be a little too much. Joann said she and Erin will work that into the planning of the Fall hikes.

Halloween - Joann would like to have handouts again this coming Halloween. She mentioned spending the same amount on handout items this year. Members were asked their thoughts on if it is a good idea to have the Municipal Alliance to be out in the community on Halloween.

Discussion about capping expenditures at \$2,500 to purchase items for the Fall programs. Approximate breakdown of expenditures: \$1,000 - \$1,100 (Halloween handouts), \$300 (Cranbury Day), \$300 (Mental Health Awareness Day) and \$300 (Homecoming Dance). Joann asked for a Motion to use a spending budget of no more than \$2,500 for Fall activities. Motion to cap made by Erin Santise. Seconded by Susan Saravalli. All in agreement and responded with Aye.

Homecoming – Susan Engelbert previously mentioned maybe holding a Homecoming Dance for the Students because they were not able to have the Freshmen Orientation last year. Discussion on a budget expenditure of \$300.00 for a Fall Homecoming. Discussion of number of students who would attend (250 students, Freshmen and Sophmores).

Joann wanted to open a discussion on expenditures for upcoming Fall events. Since the Board doesn't meet over the summer, it is important to decide on a budget cap and also vote on it at this time. Kristine Fulton asked if Municipal Alliance provides food at the in-person Freshmen Orientation. Joann thinks so and maybe Board should put some money aside for that event. Kristine thinks Member, Susan Engelbert should be asked about

that, since she usually assists with it. It was mentioned that Orientation is not only for Cranbury Students, it is for all incoming students. Joann asked the Board if they do have the Freshmen picnic, would the Members be ok with providing food and drinks? Dr. Rogers suggesting deciding on a cap budget for the Orientation Picnic in the amount of \$2,000. Motion was made by Kristine Fulton and seconded by Susan Saravalli. All Members responded Aye to the vote.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Mental Health Awareness Day - Dr. Rogers asked if maybe the Police Department could be involved for the Mental Health Awareness Day to be held in October. Erin believes they should be involved. It is a good way for community to get to know the Cranbury Police. Dr. Rogers thinks the Business Association would like to see more outdoor events being offered. Erin Santise volunteered to take over every year and hold it on October 10th. She thought last years' event had great information given out. Erin would maybe change it up from year to year to keep it interesting. She is open to ideas from the Board. Joann wanted to mention videos of Preserves made by three students were great. Turnout for the hikes was good. She received positive feedback.

Joann wished to mention one other budget expenditure request: Three students created videos for the hikes. Joann asked the Board for a vote on giving a \$50 Amazon gift card to one of the students for his hard work in creating the videos. She also asked the Board for a vote for 2 additional, \$25 gift cards for the other 2 students who helped in creating the videos. Motion was made by Krista Santoro to approve the expenditure for the 3 gift cards, totaling \$200.00. Motion was seconded by Erin Santise. All Members responded Aye to the vote.

Erin Santise knows Julianna, who owns the hairdressing business on North Main Street and is also a member of the Cranbury Business Association. She could speak to Julie about joining. Erin shared that she has her own business running Zumba and fitness classes and also teaches health and wellness education. Dr. Rogers felt Cranbury Day would be a great time for Erin to reach out to Julianna to join the Cranbury Business Association. Dr. Rogers added the members are a great group of people.

Recreational Cannabis Update: Joann explained that all Township Committee members voted to opt out of all recreational cannabis licenses for Cranbury during the May 24, 2021 Township Committee Meeting. Prior to this meeting, Joann provided facts to the Township Committee on research done by many professionals in the medical and educational field including research from the following sources: Journal of Adolescent Health, Journal of American Association, National Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine, US Department of Health and Human Services, Lancet, SAMSA, Colorado Department of Public Safety, Surgeon General's Office, CDC and the National Library of Medicine.

DISCUSSION

Joann asked if anything else needed to be discussed or if any Members having questions. She thanked all Members for their participation and was pleased that a lot of good programs were accomplished. Joann is excited for the Fall programs. Erin Santise thanked Joann. Dr. Rogers thanked Joann for her work on the Preserve hikes. Joann thanked her for being Liaison for the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public was present.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Joann thanked everyone for attending and appreciates their service and time. She asked for Motion to adjourn. Motion was made at 4:20 pm by to adjourn the meeting by Susan Saravalli. Seconded by Kristine Santoro. All were in favor.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify, that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Cranbury Township Municipal Alliance Committee on Drug Abuse and Alcoholism and that this document, consisting of 4 pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting held on June 15, 2021.

Kathy Warnebold, Secretary

Approved Minutes June 15, 2021