

MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY FUND

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: March 18, 2021 at 11 am via Zoom

Invitees: Theresa Mann, Brigid Browning, Abby Brown and Rebecca Baruzzi (MRVCF)

Agenda:

- Continuing conversation with Rebecca re: Mad River Community Fund

Notes:

Rebecca suggested that MCF model itself after the Mad River Valley Interfaith Commission's giving model (phone interview collecting name, contact info, amount needed and for what purpose) as that model is more relaxed than their own. (The contact there is Rev. Erin Reardon, email esr1250@hotmail.com). The Commission caps their giving at \$750. She asked regarding our guiding mission, whether we wanted to act as a safety net for the community or something else as the MRCF has had issues with their "not of one's own fault" mission throughout their duration. Regarding fundraising, the MRCF's fundraising efforts consist of just one annual mailing, raising over one hundred thousand dollars, while the Commission has a Thanksgiving basket event which brings in roughly \$30,000. She suggested we pick a community project to elevate initial awareness and interest in our organization and our mission. Theresa mentioned the gazebo as being one possible project. Regarding support for set up and legal issues Rebecca suggested we reach out to the organization Community Good which is partnered with Vermont Community Fund. She offered to continue to be a resource for us, and the call ended.