

## Craftsbury Neighbor to Neighbor

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### Participants:

Kris  
Deborah  
Tim  
Penelope  
Kit  
Kevin  
Gina

Kris: Food pantry numbers were down this week by 20 or so. 50 of the 70 \$50.00 local store food vouchers were handed out as folks filled out the N2N survey today. 20 remaining vouchers to be provided to Albany. Surprised by the number of participants today who didn't know about the soup supper. Penelope emphasized the need to work to get the word out on all the regional food opportunities such as the Buffalo Mt vouchers.

Kris applied for a state CARES grant - the VT Everyone Eats Program - to fund the soup supper until the end of the year via area businesses and restaurants such as the Genny, COC, C-village, the Bistro, etc. \$10 per 12 oz. meal. Some nutritional guidelines must be followed. CAE will receive the grant and administer it and proceeds will be shared with Albany. \$67K will be available to Craftsbury and Albany. \$35,720 for Craftsbury. More meals will be processed and frozen for the winter. There will be \$10K of match from donated time. \$10 will be available for drivers each week. If the grant is chosen, a committee to oversee the administrative aspects and implementation will be formed.

Food pantry dollars are needed. There are \$1,000 per week in costs. Emily has received a grant from the Community National Bank for \$2,500. Other grants, as well as expanding the philanthropic efforts will be pursued. Penelope will coordinate with Emily/Pete and others and report back to the group.

Kevin reported that a flier describing firewood availability was sent out via the food pantry distribution. 7 households have already requested a half cord each. 6 cords have been donated by the COC. 10 cords will be delivered next week via a New England Grass Roots grant. Right now its just for Craftsbury residents. Looking for a secure, truck accessible processing and storage area.

Kevin will coordinate getting a note regarding the pop up pantry and soup supper to Meals on Wheels delivery recipients. Gina will draft the language and get it to Kevin tomorrow. She will include Kris' contact information.

Utility Relief - Gina will reach out to the HED General Manager about possible relief via the state CARES and other sources for HED customers having a hard time paying their utility bills and report back to Kevin.

Trash talk - Penelope will include a note about clean recyclables only in this weeks FPF post.