

**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 3, 2020 @ 9am**

*Chat Box Notes are in Italics.*

**Attendance: 21**

**Victoria Grasela (United Way GNB):**

- We had the Hunger Heroes event
  - o We had 200 volunteers
  - o We gave out 1025 turkeys
- We don't have any pop-ups right now
- We have a handful of food drives for December but it's slow

**Dave Perry (Greater Fall River Community Food Pantry):**

- We gave out 618 turkeys for clients
- Tuesday was our first food truck day, we'll be there every Tuesday giving out soup
  - o Food truck is in Tiverton on Stafford Rd.
- I have 250 5lb bags of potato to give away

**Liz W (Marion Institute):**

- A reminder for everyone to sign up for Food Alert Listserv
  - o At some point it will replace this meeting – it will give us a way to streamline and not have to wait for the call once a week

00:10:46 *capeport: <https://www.marioninstitute.org/programs/sfpc/>*

00:10:47 *capeport: Scroll to the bottom right to sign up for FoodAlert Listserv*

00:10:57 *Ashley Brister: I will encourage Claudia and Robyn to use the listserv for the Full Plate program.*

**Wendy Garf-Lipp (United Neighbors of Fall River):**

- Blount Seafood Food Truck will be coming on Thursdays in Fall River

00:11:13 *Meg Rogers-UWGFR- she/her: Blount did the soup van with Dave and will be at the YMCA in Fall River today*

00:14:28 *dave perry: Mike from United Way will be picking up the potatoes*

**PamKuechler (PACE):**

- We're continuing our pop-ups
- We served about over 550 ppl with Thanksgiving dinners, we're starting Xmas sign ups tomorrow
  - o People can call us and we'll get them connected
- We have a second truck so if anyone needs help, we can assist with transport



**Wendy Garf-Lipp (United Neighbors of Fall River):**

- A lot of food providers aren't trained on food security and finding food resources; maybe we should do a training for them – to show them how to use Mass211

**Ashley Brister (Sharing the Harvest):**

- We need to follow up on canning conversations

**Wendy Garf-Lipp (United Neighbors of Fall River):**

- One of the reservations I work with is offering to do canning for the winter
  - o People bring extra produce from their home gardens

**Liz W (Marion Institute):**

- We have to check with MDAR

**Emma Montague (BCC):**

- We saw 422 families last month
- Next week's market is December 10<sup>th</sup> in Fall River, the link is right on bcc.edu (just search mobile market)
- We've posted a full time position on our website: Senior Special Program Coordinator for Basic Needs

**Christine Sullivan (Coastline Elderly):**

- We received a grant to serve Thanksgiving dinners
  - o We worked with White's of Westport and they put together meals for people – it was in the high hundreds
  - o We're looking to do the same thing for Christmas
- Our grab n' go lunch program ended last week
- New Bedford Cable has a public announcement banner they do in between programming and they're willing to put up any public announcements
  - o If soup truck was in New Bedford, that'd be helpful to go out

00:16:03      *Ashley Brister: Dartmouth YMCA will have boxes from Boston Food Bank on December 22nd. I will check to see how many boxes and post on the listserv.*

**Liz W (Marion Institute):**

- Food is Medicine sent out an email looking for data sets for food programs across the state

**Christine Sullivan (Coastline Elderly):**

- Yes, they're trying to create a comprehensive list of all programs in the state, to catalogue everything going on
  - o Food Policy Councils across the state would be a good place to start
- Food is Medicine Program is looking at programs that are delivering health, medically tailored foods and foods that address dietary restrictions

**Wendy Garf-Lipp (United Neighbors of Fall River):**

- Mass211 is focused on where there are meals, whereas Food is Medicine is focused on healthy food

**Liz W (Marion Institute):**

- How do we affect change with food at the regional level?
- In January we are starting to set up our council and steering committee
  - o We will be looking to address food quality, that's why we did the food assessment study

00:22:06 *capeport:* For now, to sign up for FoodFinder please contact me at [pdepina@marioninstitute.org](mailto:pdepina@marioninstitute.org)

00:22:26 *capeport:* Eventually you should be able to go directly to the Marion Institute website and sign up there

00:23:07 *capeport:* And again, to sign up for FoodAlert Listserv, go here: <https://www.marioninstitute.org/programs/sfpc/>

00:23:22 *capeport:* And the sign up is at the bottom right of the page

**Bill Napolitano (SRPEDD):**

- We're still trying to look at the big picture with Southcoast Rail, we've put together a potential land use profile, featuring prime productive agricultural soils we could use
- There is potential land loss involved in trying to reduce greenhouse gases and becoming more transit efficient
  - o We're looking at farmers who are going out of production and we need to preserve them
  - o We want to help you build food hub on a regional basis and get you the type of capital assistance that we get small businesses

00:40:16 *Emma Montague:*

<http://www.bristolcc.edu/about/inthecommunity/bristolmobilefoodmarket/> (Dec 10th, at our Fall River campus, pre-registration required)

**Liz W (Marion Institute):**

- Food district concept is what we're referring to the food hub as, working with Port Authority, Hunger Commission and Coastal Foodshed

**Wendy Garf-Lipp (United Neighbors of Fall River):**

- We're developing a cookbook for youth that are at home during remote learning
  - o Putting together a kid-friendly, microwave-friendly book
  - o If you have any economical and unique recipes please send them to me

**Deirdre Healy (UMass Dartmouth):**

- If anyone has any projects that would be interesting for our students, please let us know