

**Town of Mansfield
Complete Count Committee Meeting
Thursday March 26, 2020
Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting
9:00 AM**

Draft Minutes

Members Present: John Carrington, Kelly Lyman, Pat Schneider, John Armstrong, Pastor Ron Baker – joined at 9:20

Other Staff Present: Catherine Marx, U.S. Census Bureau

1. John C. Carrington called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM
2. Kelly Lyman moved and John Armstrong seconded the minutes of the February 19, 2020 meeting. Motion passed unanimously by the present members at the time, 4-0.
3. Old Business Update From Catherine Marx
Catherine Marx gave an update on the changes in census dates. The Census Bureau extended timelines because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Census Bureau is still on track to deliver the apportionment counts to the President of the United States on December 31, 2020. Based on current count there is still a lot of work to do in the Storrs/Mansfield area. The current national response rate is 26.2% and it is 26.9% for Connecticut. Storrs/Mansfield average response rate is lower than the national average. College students should be counted where they normally would have been living on April 1, 2020 before the COVID-19 outbreak. The Census Bureau will be working with UCONN to ensure on campus students are properly counted. The off campus living students need to be counted as living in those place regardless if they went home for distance learning.

A person does not have to receive mail to complete the census. One can go to my2020census.gov or call 1-844-330-2020. One can type in their address if going on-line.

The Town and schools will spread the word to increase the response rate.

4. New Business Update from members
John Armstrong reported that large property rentals will not be terminating their leases but most students are back home with the families. The amount of UCONN on campus students is down to a little over a 1,000 from 12,000. The remainder are not returning to campus.

Catherine Marx explained that students that went home must be counted for where they normally would have lived on April 1, 2020 both on and off campus. If someone incorrectly counted a COVID-19 at-home student when the student normally resided at a college campus, the student can still complete the census correctly and the Census Bureau will correct any duplication.

John Carrington asked if the Census Bureau had a connection with the TV media to do a story explaining the college counting. Catherine Marx said that is why a video was created to get the message out to address this specific situation.

5. Adjournment. Pat Schneider moved and Pastor Ron Baker seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 AM. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be scheduled for the week of April 13, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
John C. Carrington, Interim Town Manager