

‘THE ELBOW CAY RESTORATION COMMITTEE’
MINUTES OF MEETING WITH HELP.NGO

DATE & TIME: JAN 15th, 2020 – 8:34AM – 10:15AM

LOCATION: The Thompson Group Office -Hope Town Settlement

CALL TO ORDER: Reinhold Probst

ATTENDEES:

Board Members Present:

Frank Knowles, Carol Lyn Terrels, Monica Cook, Stafford Patterson, Scott Patterson, James Boyce, Lana Russell, Mari Matthews, Reinhold Probst, Kristina Malone

Board Members Absent: Junior Mernard

Guests: Pete Colling (as advisor/liaison)

HELP.NGO Representatives in attendance: Adam Marlatt & Rob Browning

AGENDA: The first meeting of the ‘fact-finding’ process with Help.NGO. Committee is seeking to gain insight into Help.NGO’s scope of work, their originally contracted obligations and the phase/stage of any work or grant applications which are for the benefit of the Hope Town Community. We seek to establish a working relationship with them to continue to coordinate and to communicate.

- Frank began the dialog addressing the HELP.NGO Reps., making sure that they had a clear understanding of the Committee’s future goals and the reasoning of the requested meeting.
- Reinhold requested that Adam take 10 minutes to brief the Committee on Help.NGO’s scope of work, projects and progress updates etc.
- The Committee was informed that Help.NGO was indeed hired by Hope Town United, thus making Hope Town United their ‘client’ (who they are answerable to and contracted by).
- Help.NGO arrived on island 90 days ago.
- Some of their efforts (Per Adam) included: Initial site visits, communication with various NGO’s & Fundraising communities, organizing the efforts of two rounds of technical working groups, facilitating paperwork for equipment, communication with various Bahamas Government officials on issues as they relate to the above.
- Adam suggested that HELP.NGO continue filling ‘gaps’ in Samaritan’s Purse’ efforts.

- Questions were raised regarding the structure of the 'Cash for work' program of which the majority was debris removal.
- We were informed that the cash for work program ended on Dec 22, 2019. We understand that there are proposals pending between Help.NGO and Hope Town United such as: Help.NGO to continue debris removal/management, docks, writing grant/funding proposals, etc. Nothing has been approved.
- The Committee learned that there is an outstanding balance owed to Help.NGO to complete payment of their initial agreement (\$75,000?).
- Monica raised the question of the ownership of the acquired drone footage/data. Stafford made a clear point that this data can be beneficial to the Fire Department, and that the committee should obtain it.
- Adam informed that there are certain caveats that have to be worked through. There are many facets of this.
- Adam is happy to facilitate the turnover of the ElbowCay.org website and ownership of the site will belong to The Elbow Cay Restoration Committee
- Samaritan's Purse is currently funding debris bins.
- Funding for the clinic has been identified
- Funding has been obtained and the check has been written for materials to rebuild the islands three main docks - upper and lower public docks & the Lighthouse dock
- Monica reiterated to the Help.NGO Reps. the intent/goals of the Committee going forward.

The Committee in no way intended/intends to downplay any efforts or support offered to the community. We thank ALL involved thus far. The context of the Committee's questions, concerns and thoughts were of the sole intent to gain insight.

NEXT MEETING: Meeting of The Executive Board - Jan 15th, 20 - 1:30PM The Fire Station

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:15AM

MINUTES COMPILED: Kristina Malone – Committee Secretary – Committee Approved