

LEPC #12

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



LEPC12@TRORC.ORG

C/O TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION
128 KING FARM RD
WOODSTOCK, VT 05091

802-457-3188
WWW.LEPC12.ORG

October 20, 2016 – DRAFT Royalton Police Barracks Royalton, VT

Attendees: Tory Levite, John Durkee, Cindy Spaulding, Gidget Lyman, Bob Weinert, Mark Warner, Brad Salzman, Lt. Anthony French, Lt. William Jenkins, Kevin Geiger, Jack Schoenberg, Jerry Fredrickson, Lynn Thomas, and Mark Belisle.

1. Call to order at 6:06 p.m. Mark Warner presided. Introductions were made.
2. Cindy Spaulding calls for a roll call of members for a quorum. 10 members are required for a quorum under the current bylaws. A definition of a member was requested, it was given as defined in the bylaws. There was also question as to whether the member list was approved by the state, TRORC staff were unsure.
3. Approval of Minutes of August 18
Motion made by Jerry Fredrickson, seconded by Gidget Lyman. The Committee approved the minutes of August 18, 2016 unanimously.

4. CERT Status Update

Brad Salzman presided. The CERT trailer made it to the White River Resiliency Festival on August 28th with help from CERT members from Chittenden and Southern Windsor CERT teams. Currently the trailer is located at the Royalton Police Department and is still looking for a permanent home. It might possibly go to Sharon.

Brad was invited to an EM meeting on November 10 in Woodstock by Phil Swanson to talk to the audience about the CERT team and to try to get some people to sign up.

5. LEPC12 Bylaws

Kevin Geiger went through the old bylaws since the August meeting and made suggested amendments for the LEPC membership to go through. The area of membership is still a gray area. It was determined that anyone from a Town, emergency responders, and from emergency responding organizations are eligible to become a members. It was suggested that the sentence ‘all other eligible organizations’ be added to this section so as not to limit the number of interested people.

It was also discussed that one member equals one vote, even if you are representing more than one organization.

An executive committee will be established that will include the officers as well as an at-large

member that will be voted upon at the annual June meeting. Executive committee minutes are to be reported out at the next LEPC meeting.

A motion was made by Jerry Fredrickson and seconded by Jack Schoenberg to strike TRORC from section 2.1 of the bylaws as they are non-voting members of the LEPC. Discussion: In section 2.4 to strike 'shall' and replace it with 'may.' It was requested that the LEPC membership be approved by SERQ and publicly posted on the website. The addition in 6.1 is to be struck from the bylaws. The Committee approved these changes to the bylaw unanimously.

6. Red Cross Sheltering

Kevin Geiger and Tory Levite notified the LEPC that the Red Cross is no longer staffing or covering small local shelters. The regional shelters in Vermont are the only ones that are going to be staffed by Red Cross employees. They may cover small shelters in the event of a large disaster. Otherwise Towns are now liable for small local shelters.

7. LEOP as Public Information

TRORC staff notified the LEPC that LEOP's are now considered public information as stated by the Secretary of State from an LEPC1 meeting last month. Staff are currently redacting all personal information and will be posting each of their member town's LEOP on the TRORC website.

Cindy Spaulding requested that Randolph's not be redacted by TRORC staff, as she will do it herself.

8. Other Business/Upcoming Training

Lt. William Jenkins announced that he is retiring at the end of the month and Lt. Anthony French will be taking his place at the Royalton Police Barracks.

A motion was made by Cindy Spaulding and seconded by Jerry Fredrickson for TRORC to look at the effects of drought in the region and in the state. The Committee approved the motion unanimously. Kevin Geiger and Tory Levite will look into the current drought issue that is starting to plague Vermont.

Kevin Geiger announced that DEMHS is currently looking for two new regional emergency managers meant to augment the duties that RPC's are tasked with. These two new positions will be on-the-ground employees in the event of a disaster and will be available for questions from Towns.

Brad Salzman prepared a draft of the CERT bylaws for the officers to look over.

As part of the drought issue, a member inquired whether or not Fire Safety have issues a burn ban. They have not but have released a memo stating Vermont is in a high risk situation for burns.

At 7:45 p.m. a motion was made by Cindy Spaulding and seconded by Brad Salzman to adjourn the meeting. The Committee adjourned until its next scheduled meeting of December 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the VSP Barracks in Royalton.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tory Levite for Cindy Spaulding, LEPC12 Secretary