

LEPC #12

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



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**August 18, 2016 - DRAFT
Royalton Police Barracks
Royalton, VT**

Attendees: Tory Levite, Ben Wood, Kevin Geiger, Mark Warner, Gidget Lyman, Cindy Spaulding, Mary H., Jeff LeBlanc, Jim Tonkovich, Lynn Thomas, Jerry Fredrickson, Lance Colby, Mark Belisle, Lt. William Jenkins, and Todd Sears.

1. Call to order at 6:01 p.m. Mark Warner presided. Introductions were made.
2. Approval of Minutes of June 23
Motion made to approve made by Mark Belisle, seconded by Lance Colby. The Committee approved the minutes of June 23, 2016 unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report
Mark Belisle presided for John Durkee and stated that there is \$5 in the account.
4. Cyber Security

Todd Sears from the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security came to give a talk about promoting cyber security in the state of Vermont. Humans are the weakest link when it comes to cyber security. With a simple math equation, it only takes 1% of a targeted audience to click on a bad link that is essentially a back door for hackers to take personal information. Infrastructure such as water and electricity are large targets for hackers as they can take over the computer system and shut everything down. During the Vigilant Guard exercise they conducted a cyber security attack to test response. The National Guard was part of this exercise as well as they have a cyber security team to fight back a cyberattack. Dams are another vulnerable area where a hacker can take control and make the dam fail. Todd Sears was part of the recent effort to update the state of Vermont's Cyber Annex. He is available to Town's and companies to help them increase their cyber security. For the average person, installing malware, using strong passwords, and updating software are simple and easy ways to increase cyber security at home.

5. CERT Status Update

Gidget Lyman presided in absence of Brad Salzman. Members want the CERT trailer at the White River Resiliency Festival on August 28 to gain more awareness for the team and to hopefully sign some interested individuals for it. Chittenden County CERT will be coming down to assist with this.

A motion was made by Gidget Lyman and seconded by Cindy Spaulding to authorize Brad Salzman to bring the LEPC12 CERT trailer to go to the White River Resiliency Festival on August 28, 2016. The Committee approved the motion unanimously.

There was discussion on the issue of the wording and decals on the trailer currently. Gidget Lyman and Lynn Thomas will cover up the wording before the festival. Brad Salzmann will get the trailer inspected the day before the festival.

6. HMEP Update

Kevin Geiger informed the LEPC of the upcoming HMEP project. Tory Levite will assist Kevin Geiger in conducting a state wide flow study. They will sit at 30 spots all over the state at major roads and highways to write down large trucks and what they are bringing into the state in regards to hazardous materials.

7. Vigilant Guard

This discussion was to review the state-wide exercise that took place at the end of July. Mark Warner, Gidget Lyman, Tory Levite, and Kevin Geiger participated in this exercise. Cindy Spaulding participated as an 'actor' in Barre, VT. Mark Warner expressed how well the exercise went and he encourages members to participate in the next state-wide exercise.

Some members expressed that they would like to attend a DistaterLAN refresher course. Mark Warner is looking into having a course in the region.

8. LEPC12 Bylaws

Kevin Geiger suggested to the Committee that he would prepare some language to present at the next LEPC meeting. Cindy Spaulding and Jerry Fredrickson want to assist with this task. A 15-day notice period is required to vote on bylaw changes for the LEPC.

Kevin would like to add language to install an executive committee, what entails membership, as well as CERT bylaws.

9. Other Business/Upcoming Training

It was requested that for future LEPC emails to uncloak the emails so everyone can see who is getting them.

There is discussion at the state levels that are questioning whether or not LEOP's are public or not public documents. There was some concern among members since there is personal information on the LEOP's.

Kevin Geiger is working on a disaster recovery training for towns.

There is an emergency plan meeting at Oxbow High school at 4 p.m. on 8/19/2016. This includes all Orange East towns.

Cindy Spaulding brought a flyer for the Last Mile Ride that will take place on August 20, 2016 starting in Randolph. Bikers will be riding on major routes the whole day.

10. Adjournment

At 7:34 p.m. a motion was made by Jerry Fredrickson and seconded by Mark Belisle to adjourn the meeting. The committee adjourned until its next scheduled meeting of October 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the VSP Barracks in Royalton.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tory Levite for Cindy Spaulding, LEPC12 Secretary