

Addison County Emergency Planning Committee  
Annual Meeting & Dinner  
**Minutes**–June 28, 2017, 5pm

**Presentation:**

**Biosecurity for Small-Holders—Kristin Haas, Vt State Veterinarian.** – Kristin presented following a delicious meal provided by Rosies. Her presentation was occasionally punctuated by photos of puppies which kept everyone on their toes. Her talk focused on how animal disasters all start locally. With close to 75% of Vermonters having at least one pet, we have the highest per-capita pet ownership in the US. Many of these have more than one pet and she pointed out that many have backyard poultry as a hobby. With the lack of farm registration requirements it is hard for the Agency of AG to keep track. Kristin emphasized that everyone should practice basic biosecurity when they visit farms including wearing boots and possibly coveralls and washing up immediately following any farm visit to prevent spreading to the next farm. Kristin reminded all that following Katrina federal requirements for emergency planning include addressing pets with sheltering plans. She indicated that the Disaster Animal Response Teams DARTs can assist in that planning and that they have limited equipment that can be deployed upon request through VEM. When asked what our greatest immediate concerns may be, Kristin indicated that the most dangerous animal-carried diseases are salmonella and rabies. Both of these diseases can exist in animals and are easily spread to humans. When questioned what poultry owners can do she recommended the “biosecurity for the birds” website as a good place to get more detailed information.

**Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting:**

**1. Call to Order** - 7:15

**2. May 31 Minutes** -Motion to accept with corrections to break out last months reimbursements to show that the \$69.41 was to be paid out as \$45.06 to Matt and \$24.35 to Tim. Motion made by Tom H., seconded by Tom S. **Motion passed**

**3. Treasurer’s Report**

- Expenditures/Bills – Tom presented the treasurer’s report and Tim made the motion to accept it as presented with Beth seconding. Motion Passed
- Reimbursements— Dan L. Made a motion to pay the bill from Rosies for the dinner seconded by Troy. Motion passed.

**4. DEMHS/VEM Report** – Max gave a quick introduction of himself and what he hopes to bring to the table as the new Northwest Coordinator for VEM. He told members that a new EMD training was in the works and that a Beta overview is being delivered in Washington and Chittenden Counties that will be 45-60 minutes in length. The full program will be introduced at the EP conference in September. Max also alerted those present of a new TTT that may come to VT if enough interest is there. “You Are The Help Until Help Arrives” is a basic program for otherwise bystanders in the event first responders have not arrived yet. What you can do in that event is the focus of the training.

**5. Other Business** – Tom H spoke with the Security director of state buildings and suggested that state employees in these buildings all receive a minimum of ICS 100 so they can interface with responders in the event of an emergency. Tim and

Max will look into the delivery of a class locally.

## 6. Adjourn at 7:25

### Upcoming Events:

- *ACEPC July*—No meeting in July
- ACEPC next meeting—August 30, 5:00pm. VSP Barracks

**All State-sponsored trainings require advance registration through the state's learning management system. Click here to register:**

<http://demhs.vermont.gov/training/trainingprogram/lms>

**Visit the training calendar at:**

[https://vermont.csod.com/LMS/catalog/EventsCalendar.aspx?tab\\_page\\_id=-10&tab\\_id=20000513#m=2&d=06/28/2017](https://vermont.csod.com/LMS/catalog/EventsCalendar.aspx?tab_page_id=-10&tab_id=20000513#m=2&d=06/28/2017)

**Have a happy and enjoyable summer! See you in August!**

### Attendees:

Betty Walker – Orwell TC	Betty's guest - Craig Homan(sp?)	Bob Arnebold – Orwell
Sue Ann Arnebold – Orwell	Troy Fox – Cabot/Agrimark	Diane Benware – Leicester
Sandy Korda – Orwell	Margaret Korda – Orwell	Max Kennedy VEM
Beth Diamond – 2-1-1	Laura Asermily – Middlebury	Dan Lavilette – ARC
Tom Scanlon – Salisbury	Kristin Haas – Guest Speaker	Erik Eriksen – Ripton
Tom Hanley – Middlebury	Lt Danoski – VSP	Barb Hammerlind – CSAC
Ric Wheeler – CSAC	Tim Bouton – ACRPC	Barb Torian – New Haven
Stu Johnson – Cornwall	Sue Johnson – Cornwall	David McKinnon – Goshen
Ted Simmons – Orwell	Allen Alger +1 – Orwell	Allen R Alger +1 Orwell
Matt fraley + 1—Vergennes fire		+2 late arrivals Orwell