

Addison County Emergency Planning Committee, District 8
April 30, 2008 • 5:10–6:30pm
Orwell Volunteer Fire Dept. • Orwell, VT

Meeting called to order by Matt

1. Introductions

2. Orwell Emergency Plan Review/Table-Top—[Tim, Bob] Tim presented a short Table-Top Power Point based on a scenario similar to that experienced during the recent late winter ice storm. The scenario included loss of power, loss of phone service, need to set up a shelter, how to go about contacting town residents, establishment of chain-of-command over the situation.

Bob explained how Orwell went about implementing their EOP and how the various town departments interacted during the ice storm. Sandy Korda, co-EMD, explained how they went about setting up a shelter; Tina Wood, Red Cross officer-on-duty that day, explained how the Red Cross assists in shelter set-up and management.

3. Red Cross Shelter Trailer—During the break after the Plan Review, attendees were able to “tour” the Red Cross shelter-trailer that is stationed in Addison County. The trailer contains supplies needed by a shelter, e.g. cots & blankets. [A kitchen trailer can also be brought on-site by the Red Cross and includes staff and food as well as the food prep & storage areas.]

4. Secretary’s Report—[Robin] Charlie MOVED, Bob SECONDED, to accept the Minutes of March 26 as written. *Motion passed.*

5. Treasurer’s Report—[Kate] After paying bills presented for food and SIP presentation supplies, the balance at 4/30 is \$3,996.66. We have current bills from the Little Pressroom for the new batch of brochures (\$120), and one for today’s food (\$98.45) totaling \$218.45. Bob MOVED, Beth SECONDED, that the report be accepted and that all currently received legal bills be paid. *Motion passed.*

6. Publicity Committee Report: [Jessica] In Jessica’s absence, Tim reported that two presentations are currently set up, one in Monkton, one in Ripton. Steve Early wants to bring the SIP presentation to the Vt. School Crisis Team meeting, May 20. The Museum Gallery Alliance is planning to put disaster management ads in the Independent—is the ACEPC interested in working with them to have an ad in the paper each Thursday? Consensus is that we are. Beth MOVED, Charlie SECONDED to have Tim pursue the idea of emergency-related ads in the Independent with the Alliance and other emergency groups.

7. Accident Data Map Project: A map with locations of dangerous accident sites in the county was displayed, with markers so that anyone present having knowledge of hazardous road sections could indicate the location on the map. The map is based on VTRANS data which is not always accurate or current. The RPC hopes to be able to use more accurate data, gathered locally, to advocate for VTRANS attention to high-accident locales.

8. Other:

ACEPC Legislated Funds: We still have not received our allotted funding, Peter will look into the matter with Christine Brown to see what the hold-up is.

SIP Events Planned:

Monkton—June 11, 7:30PM, Firehouse

Ripton—May 9, 11:00 AM, Ripton School

Training Ideas: We are soliciting ideas for short trainings, a roughly 15-minute pre-meeting session, for Sept–March meetings.

9. Other EM Stuff:

- Next meeting: May 28, 5pm Lincoln Library (directions to be included with next mailing)
- SkyWarn Training: May 14, 7:00PM, VSP in New Haven
- Annual RRP Update/Town Mailing: Tim sent out 2–3 weeks ago, they need to be returned
- IC training for new selectboard members is in the works
- DisasterLAN: Peter will look into the status of the training program

Meeting adjourned—6:30PM, with many thanks to the ladies of the Orwell Auxiliary who fed us sumptuously (no pizza!).

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Conway, Secretary

ATTENDEES:

Tim Bouton—ACEPC Coordinator; ACRPC; New Haven Fire
Louis Hall—Orwell Fire Chief
Allan Alger—Orwell Roads, Fire
Matt Fraley—ACEPC Chair; Vergennes Fire, Panton EM
Charlie Huizenga—Monkton EM
Robin Conway—ACEPC Secretary
Pip Wales—Weybridge EM; CERT; ARES
Annie Wales—Weybridge EM; CERT
Beth Diamond—ACEPC Vice-chair; VT 2-1-1
Craig Bingham—Middlebury Selectboard
Sue Ann Arnebold—Orwell Town Clerk
Bob Arnebold—Orwell EM, Fire
Kate Gieges—ACEPC Treasurer; Cornwall EM
Jeff Whiting—Goshen EM
Cpt. Don Patch—VSP, Public Safety Coordinator for District 8
Marty Whittemore—Ripton EM
Sandy Korda—Orwell EM
Tina Wood—Red Cross, Northern Vt. Chapter; LEPC 9 Chair
Peter Coffey—VEM
Karen Shackett—Shoreham Selectboard
Steve Goodrich—Shoreham Selectboard
Jim Hogan—VSP

HANDOUTS: Agenda/Treasurer's Report
March 26 '08 Minutes
Red Cross Shelter Intro Sheet

For May 28 Meeting—Directions to Lincoln Library, 222 West River Road:

From Bristol Village

- Come into Bristol, to the light in the center of town.
- Head east on Rtes.116/17 about a mile until you come to a bridge
- Cross over the bridge & make an immediate sharp right onto Lincoln Road (name changes to West River as you near the village).
- Follow that road along the river until, a bit past the Maple Cemetery, you come to the Library on your left. If you get into the center of town (1 general store, 1 church and 1 meeting hall) you have come too far!

