

Approved: December 14, 2017

## Addison County Emergency Planning Committee

### MINUTES

VSP Barracks, New Haven • October 26, 2016 • 5pm

#### **Presentation:**

*NONE*

#### **Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting:**

##### **1. Called to order at 5:10pm**

**2. September Minutes-** Motion to approve by Tom H. Seconded by Erik E. *Motion passed*

**3. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's reports from September and October were presented. The SERC grant has been received for the year resulting in a 10/26/2016 balance of \$5,514.13. Motion to approve both reports by Tom H. second by Erik E. *Motion passed*

- **Expenditures/Bills/Reimbursements**—Bills for the month were receipts in the amount of **\$71.20** from Shaws and Subway, paid by Tim. **Motion to pay Tim back made by Tom H. second by Erik E.** *Motion passed.*

- **Advance Approval Request for Conference**—The treasurer has received advanced request for attendance at the DEMHS Conference in November from 5 parties:

Tom Scanlon – Salisbury EMD

Ray Lalumiere – Leicester EMD

Bob Arnebold – EMD Orwell

Sandy Korda – Deputy EMD Orwell

Leonard Barrett – EMD Bridport

As it does not exceed what had been budgeted a motion was made to approve these expenses providing appropriate receipts are provided. *Motion passed*

**4. Red Cross Shelter Update** – Dan was not present so Tim, Tom H. and Tom S. gave a brief description of the information that Dan had provided at the EMD roundtable October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The short outcome is that the Red Cross has not changed its policy on shelters/local shelters. They do not have enough vetted volunteers to open more than the 5 regional shelters that have been identified (two closest to ACEPC are at CVU in Hinesburg and in Rutland. They also will generally not open a shelter for fewer than 30 persons. They find it cheaper to provide vouchers if the numbers are small. We were told that unless a shelter was opened by a vetted ARC volunteer, it would not be covered under their liability insurance or be eligible for reimbursement from ARC for expenses. Dan indicated that if a local community had a trained volunteer and that person was willing to go through a background check and follow the ARC rules, they could open an official ARC shelter in a town. *(subsequent information indicates that the person might also have to be available for deployment elsewhere in the state, an issue that needs to be clarified)*

**5. DEMHS Report (Preparedness Conference)**—Ron reported that there continues to be a push to have towns complete their LEOP adoptions. (Addison County is still missing Goshen, Weybridge and Whiting.) He encouraged folks to attend the DEMHS conference at Lake Morey and to attend trainings as shown on the DEMHS training website.

**6. Other Business** – Tim let everyone know that he is in a new grant cycle which is providing far less than he has had available in the past for use with the LEPC. He cautioned members that he could attend meetings and provide limited assistance outside of the meetings, but would no longer be able to arrange for speakers, pick up the food, etc. Matt volunteered to be in charge of the food in the future and several speaker suggestions were proffered by members. Actual coordinating of the speakers may fall on the Secretary but she will need support of the members to be able to pull it off.

Speaker suggestions are:

- Emily from DEMHS to speak about school safety
- Green Mountain Power to speak about who to call in the event of a power outage and what their process is,
- 9-1-1 to speak about their mapping opportunities and how it works
- National Weather Service to let us know what resources they have at their disposal. Ron said that the watch officers had a very good presentation given to them at the BTV airport. Members thought that might be a good idea to try to rent a bus to take members up to the airport for a presentation for our December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Matt will explore the possibility of getting a bus and Tim/Robin will see whether they would be willing to let us come.

**7. Adjourn:** 5:31pm

### Upcoming Events:

- **DEMHS Preparedness Conference**—Nov 4 & 5, Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee  
Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VEPC2016>
- **Next LEPC meeting—Nov/Dec—12/14**

For DEMHS/FEMA trainings, see: <http://demhs.vermont.gov/calendar/>

### Attendees:

Ron Pentkowski	DEMHS	Tom Hanley	Middlebury EMD
Erik Eriksen	Ripton EMD/Fire	Mike Leyden	Porter Medical Ctr.
Tom Scanlon	Salisbury EMD	Ray Lalumiere	Leicester EMD
Bob Arnebold	Orwell EMD	Sue Arnebold	Orwell
Lt. Cacciatori	VSP New Haven	Troy Fox	Agrimark/Cabot
Matt Fraley, Chair,	Vergennes Fire	Tim Bouton	ACRPC