

Accepted: December 2, 2009

Addison County Emergency Planning Committee, District 8
October 28, 2009 • 5:00–6:30 pm
VSP/Public Safety Building • New Haven, VT

Meeting called to order by Matt

1. **Welcome/Introductions**—Conor Lahiff of the National Weather Service gave a short presentation on winter weather. He emphasized the importance of weather spotters to the NWS, especially in our area where the various mountain ranges cut off radar visibility render much of the state “invisible.” The presentation covered Nor'easter, Alberta Clippers, Upslope Snowstorms and Lake Effect Snowstorms, as well as terminology indicative of specific forecast events:
 - Advisory—possibility for 4” of snow/under 1/2” freezing rain in next 12 hours
 - Watch—the potential for 6”+ of snow within the next 24 hours;
 - Winter Storm Warning—6”+ of snow in 12 hours, or over 1/2” of freezing rain

Participants were encouraged to visit a new weather site (www.cocorahs.org) as it serves as an interactive weather watch tool and NWS is making more and more use of its capabilities. Watchers can report to the NWS by phone (800 863-4279) or via a form on their website (http://www.erh.noaa.gov/btv/html/storm_report.shtml).

2. **Secretary's Report**—Charlie MOVED, Bob SECONDED, to accept the Minutes of 9/30/09 as corrected. *Motion passed.*
3. **Treasurer's Report**—[Kate] Bob MOVED, Erik SECONDED, to accept Report as presented. *Motion passed.* Bob MOVED, Erik SECONDED, that the Treasurer pay outstanding Committee bills. *Motion passed.*
4. **CERT**—CERT was activated for traffic control for the funeral of a local serviceman; bottled water from CPOD exercise has been removed from the trailer and distributed
5. **H1N1 Forums Report**—[Tim] The Middlebury forum on October 13 was rather sparsely attended; delayed shipments of vaccine require a rescheduling of clinics and schools.
6. **Champlain Bridge Closing** —Short discussion on the abrupt closing of the Bridge and the ripple effects; Lt Patch noted that 211 was the “go-to-place” for info when VSP dispatchers received queries; Bob noted that the Selectboards of Orwell and Shoreham had held a joint meeting to discuss a letter to VAOT regarding the difficulties and safety issues experienced by the two towns as a result of the vastly increased traffic from the Ti Ferry
7. **LEPC Outreach Report: TTX**—[Tim] The fourth session, was held October 22 at the Addison Firehouse for Addison, Bridport, Vergennes, Pantton, Waltham, Ferrisburgh; attendance was good in that this was the first that included participation by school officials and a Town Health officer, as well as Vt Ag Dept. Several towns, however, were unrepresented. The last of the 5 will be at Mt. Abe in Bristol on November 12 for New Haven, Bristol, Monkton, Lincoln, Starksboro.
8. **Report on State exercise/training workshop**—[Tim] The State has developed a 3-year plan for State exercises; ID'd as critical areas to focus on were:
 - Planning
 - Recovery— a newly added section
9. **Upcoming (contact Tim with any questions):**
 - **Tabletop Exercises**—Last of the 5
 - Bristol 11/12 (Mt Abe), 5–9PM
 - **State EM Conference**—November 3, Killington; possibility of a van pool to leave from RPC offices in Middelbury. Those interested should contact Kate

- **Next ACEPC meeting**—December 2, 5:00PM, VSP New Haven

Meeting adjourned—Erik MOVED, Dave SECONDED, that the meeting be adjourned. *Motion passed.*
6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Conway, Secretary

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- ATTENDEES:** Tim Bouton—ACEPC Coordinator; ACRPC; New Haven FD  
 Sue Ann Arnebold—Orwell Town Clerk  
 Bob Arnebold—Orwell EM; FD  
 Lt. Bruce Melendy—VSP Commander, Middlebury  
 Matt Fraley—ACEPC Chair; VFD; Panton EMD; Citizen Corps  
 Ross Elliot—Ripton  
 Sue Camp—Monkton, CERT  
 Pam Smith—CSAC  
 Kate Gieges—ACEPC Treasurer; Cornwall EM, CERT  
 Charlie Huizenga—Monkton EM, CERT  
 Dave Heisler—New Haven EM  
 Erik Eriksen—Middlebury Selectboard  
 Lt. Don Patch—VSP, PSD Coordinator  
 Penny Battison—Middlebury