

Addison County Emergency Planning Committee
December 16, 2015, 5pm
VSP Barracks, New Haven VT

Presentation

Shayne Jaquith, VANR—Rivers, presented an overview of the emergency in-stream work that a municipality may undertake as a result of the 2012 Rivers Bill. However, the Rivers Bill requires that in-stream work be authorized by a municipal legislative body to address *imminent* threats, and to meet *specific* reporting requirements and implementation standards as established by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. In compliance with the Bill's mandates, ANR has adopted new rules that create a process for local authorization of Emergency Protective Measures. Shayne's presentation covered both the new rules and the Emergency Permit Process—address issue(s) within 72 hours, “next flood” process eliminates the up-front wait to get started; 3-stage authorization process: municipality, preliminary ANR approval, final ANR approval. Additionally, a selectboard may authorize a third party to oversee and authorize the work, usually the road foreman. Work can begin immediately, with ANR notified with-in 24 hours, and can be for a public or private project. www.vtwaterquality.org/rivers.htm

Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting:

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 5:45pm by Matt
2. **MINUTES:** Tom MOVED, Erik SECONDED, to approve the **October 30** minutes. *Motion passed.*
3. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Erik MOVED, Tom S. SECONDED, to approve the Treasurer’s report as written. *Motion passed.*
 - **Reimbursements:** Erik MOVED, Tom S. SECONDED, to approve the requested reimbursements. *Motion passed.*
 - **Audit**—Kate reported that the audit performed by the State for 2013-14 went well, with only a couple of documentation issues. Kate is working to resolve the issues, and awaits the final report.
4. **TRAINING & EXERCISE PLANNING WORKSHOP**—Tim attended the SERC meeting; a schedule of exercise has not yet been determined for this year because of the up-coming CATEX in July.
5. **DEMHS Report:** [Josh] Ron Pentkowski introduced as our new DEMHS rep. Josh will be covering District 1.
6. **OTHER BUSINESS:**
 - **ACCHERN** (*Addison County Cultural Heritage Emergency Response Network*)—Polly is leaving the committee, Joseph Watson, Middlebury College Special Collections, will be the group’s coordinator. Anyone needing contacts can first contact Tim who will have the info. Polly noted that the group encourages Town Clerks, librarians, Historical Societies, and others in similar document-oriented fields, to join them.
 - **HazMat Plan Update**—[Tim] The group has not yet been formally pulled together, but will meet soon. Josh noted that TIER II info will be on DLAN.

- **POD Exercise**—[Sue H.] A POD med clinic exercise will be held in Vergennes on Tuesday, December 22, 10:00AM to Noon. Volunteers are needed to be walk-throughs.

7. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Tom H. and Erik. *Passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:30

Upcoming Events:

- **Trainings**
 - *Logistics Section Chief*—Jan. 11-15, Waterbury
 - *Natural Disaster Awareness for Community Leaders*—Jan. 27, Waterbury; Jan. 28, Pittsford
 - *Planning Section Chief*—Feb. 9-12, Pittsford
- **POD Exercise**—12/22, 10–Noon, Vergennes High School
- **Next LEPC meeting:** Jan. 27, 2016 VSP New Haven at 5:00pm

For additional course offerings, see: vem.vermont.gov/event

Attendees:

Tom Scanlon – Salisbury EMD	Jeff Payne – Porter Medical Ctr
Bob Arnebold – Orwell EMD	Sue Ann Arnebold – Clerk Orwell
Erik Eriksen – Ripton EMD and Fire	Troy Fox – Agrimark
Robin Conway—Shoreham EMD, VT Amateur Radio	Josh Cox – DEMHS
Matt Fraley – Vergennes Fire and UTAS	Ron Pentkowski – DEMHS
Tom Hanley—Chief, Middlebury PD, EMD	Tim Bouton – ACRPC
Sue Hommel—VDH Middlebury	Shayne Jaquith—VANR
Kristy Oxholm—VGS	Kate Gieges—Cornwall EMD
Polly Darnell—ACCHERN	Ray Lalumiere—EMD Leicester