

Accepted: May 28, 2014

**Addison County, LEPC District 8  
Emergency Planning Committee/Citizen Corp.  
April 30, 2014 • 5:00–6:36pm  
VSP • New Haven, VT**

**Guests:** Mike Winslow, Lake Champlain Committee

**I. Presentation: *Lessons From the Floods***—A presentation, by Mike Winslow, discussing various rebuild alternatives to the traditional rebuilding typically done to restore land areas after a severe flood incident. Seven main practices have been developed, but this presentation focused on four:

- *Is rebuilding really necessary?*  
In some areas, given repeated incidents, sometimes it is better not to rebuild, but to focus on alternative routes or options.
- *Floodplain development puts entire community at risk.*  
Private property rights vs Planners, building/rebuilding structures in floodplains threatens everyone; flood insurance maps have some important limitations regarding what they do not show (site-specific erosion hazards, debris and other local circumstances, and the immediate severity of the current storm).
- *Advance preparation pays off.*  
Communities should make use of grants (State, FEMA) as much as possible for mitigation purposes, and always document all damages.
- *Berms create a false sense of security.*  
Berms had been considered a way to keep swollen waters within a river/stream's bounds. However, it is now clear that removing them allows flood waters to pass through with less damage.

Mike can be contacted through the Lake Champlain Committee for more information.

**II. Citizen Corps meeting** called to order by Matt

**1. Program Status Report**—It has been decided that we will keep all CERT “stuff” for another year and a half, in case the group is restarted. Robin will keep radios, VSP has offered space for storage of electronics, Kate is working on cleaning and storage of gear.

*Motion to adjourn* the CCP portion of the meeting by Erik, SECONDED by Robin;. *Motion passed.*

**III. ACEPC meeting** called to order by Matt

**1. Introductions made**

**2. Minutes**—Lynn MOVED, Erik SECONDED to accept the **March Minutes**. as presented *Motion passed.*

**3. Treasurer’s Report**—[Kate]

- Lynn MOVED, Erik SECONDED, to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. We are solvent. *Motion passed.*
- Bob Arnebold MOVED, Kate SECONDED, to approve the purchase of a projector. Matt will oversee selection. *Motion passed*
- Tim MOVED, Lynn SECONDED, to purchase a Quicken upgrade, and to reimburse Matt for the meeting’s food. *Motion passed*

**4. Budget for FY 2015**—[Kate] We have some additional funds due to CERT’s demise—ideas for projects to support are solicited. The budget will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in June.

- CERT equipment—as noted above we will hold for 18 months. Final disposition of items owned by ACEPC will be decided by this group.

5. **Annual Meeting**—Will be at Rosie’s again; Tim will see if we can get Roger Hill of Weathering Heights to be our speaker.
6. **SERC/HMEP Report**—[Tim] SERC has been moved to another department/division, —; Shall Tim request HMEP funding for a survey of hazardous materials response needs in Addison County? Lynn MOVED, Beth SECONDED, that he do so. *Motion passed.*
7. **Local Emergency Operations Plans (LEOP)**—Tim noted that a number of LEOPs have been received. May 1 is the deadline.
8. **Vermont NIMS Implementation Plan Update**—Also noted is the Vermont NIMS Implementation Plan requirement that any/all persons likely to respond to an emergency/disaster event *must* take ICS 100 (by October 1, 2014) and ICS 200 (by October 1, 2015). This includes selectboards, road crews, town health officers, constables, dog wardens, clerks and treasurers, etc., as well as fire and rescue personnel. Towns and Fire/Rescue will need to fill out the annual NIMS survey. All this is required in order for a town to be NIMS compliant, and eligible for disaster reimbursement funds.
9. **Other**—Tim noted that new River Corridor Protection regulations are not met by most, if any, current Flood Plain Bylaws.

**Upcoming Events**—for more info contact Tim

- DLAN Training—May 6, Stafford Center, Rutland, 1:00pm
  - CPR/AED—May 8, Cornwall Town Hall, @ 6:30pm
  - “Dealing with the Media”—May 15, Pittsford, 9–4:00
  - “ICS Forms Review”—May 20, Pittsford, 12:30–5:00
  - IAEM Regional Conf—May 22, Storrs CT, 8–5:00
  - First Aid Training—May 29, Cornwall Town Hall, 6–9:00,
  - Emergency Animal Sheltering—June 22, South Burlington, 8:30–3:30
  - Next LEPC Meeting—May 28, VSP, New Haven, 5:00
  - "What is an 'Applicant's Briefing'?"—TBA
  - Natural Gas Safety Training—Fall, 2014
  - Annual VT Emergency Preparedness Conf—Sept 18. 7:30–5:30, Fairlee
- Remember: check <http://vem.vermont.gov/events> for training opportunities.

*Motion to adjourn* made by Erik SECONDED by Bob A, at 6:30. *Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,  
 Robin Conway  
 ACEPC Secretary

**Attendees:**

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| Erik Eriksen, ACEPC Vice-chair, Ripton FD, EMD                                  | Lucy Torrey, Porter Hospital                       |
| Sue Hommel, VDH   | Henry Mapes, Agrimark                              |
| Beth Diamond, VT 211  | Kevin Gibbs, Bristol PD, Ceif                      |
| Mike Winslow, Lake Champlain Cttee  | MattFraleay, ACEPS Chair, Panton EMD, Vergennes FD |
| TimBouton, ACRPC  | Lt. Don Patch, VSP                                 |
| Lynne Klamm, AHS  | Tom Scanlon, Salisbury SB, EMD                     |
| Kate Gieges, ACEPC Treasurer, Cornwall EMD                                      | Bob Arnebold, Orwell EMD, FD                       |
| SueAnn Arnebold, Orwell Town Clerk  | DaveAttig, VGS                                     |
| Robin Conway, ACEPC Secretary, Shoreham EMD,<br>Amateur Radio Emergency Service |  |