

**ADDISON COUNTY EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
& LOCAL CITIZEN'S CORPS COUNCIL  
May 27, 2015, 5pm • New Haven, VT**

**Presentation**

**Adam Lougee, ACRPC: *Sharing Municipal Services:***

24 V.S.A. § 4901. Authorization:

(a) Any one or more municipalities may contract with any one or more other municipalities to perform any governmental service, activity, or undertaking which each municipality entering into the contract is authorized by law to perform, provided that the legislative body of each municipality approves the contract, and expenses for such governmental service, activity, or undertaking are included in a municipal budget approved under 17 V.S.A. § 2664 or comparable charter provision.

Adam's presentation focused on arrangements that towns are enabled by statute to enter into for the provision of services. Many times services that are too much for a town to budget for on its own can be workable if two or more towns enter into one of several types of contracts. *Interlocal contracts, Union Municipal Districts, Intermunicipal Insurance Agreements*, and so on. The complexities, limitations, and responsibilities of such arrangements vary, by Statute, according to the type of agreement. The RPC did a survey last winter—some interest was shown in purchases of EMS/highway equipment, fuel; other possibilities are job sharing between towns (Health Officer, Zoning Administrator, etc). If you think of some way in which the RPC/LEPC could facilitate any such program for cost efficiency/services provision, please let Tim or Adam know.

**Citizen Corps Meeting:**

1. Called to Order at 5:32 by Matt
2. Tim reported on a conference call he was part of regarding the future of CERT. There are 4 active CERT groups out of an original 12 to 14. The State currently plans to turn over all CERT equipment and authority to the LEPCs on August 1. Most LEPCs don't want the liability, or responsibility—insurance is not something LEPCs can provide, nor funds for maintenance or other costs. An idea floated during the call was to organize CERTs around the Public Safety Districts. In any case, there is no more funding to be available for CERTs. Mat and Tim are soliciting thoughts/ideas as to the future of CERT. Send them any thoughts you might have so all can be coordinated for presenting to the powers-that-be. It was noted that CERT's mission in Vermont has never been defined. A survey of surrounding states showed that CERT groups were strongest in urban areas. That model, however, does not work in Vermont. Tom H, as Fiscal Agent for Addison CERT, expressed an opinion that Adam might assist in drawing up an Intermunicipal Agreement of some sort that would make the local CERT group (if re-established) and CERT equipment available to the participating towns.
3. Citizen Corp meeting adjourned at 5:48

**Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting:**

1. **Call to Order:** Matt. 5:49
2. **April Minutes**—Jen, on behalf of Melody, noted that the Minutes should indicate that the College *may* participate in the Vigilant Guard exercise—it has not been confirmed. Also, though undoubtedly with us in spirit, Matt was not—in fact—present at the April meeting. Motion by Tim, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynne, to approve as corrected. *Motion passed.*
3. **Treasurer's Report** – The bill from Desabrais for cleaning of CERT clothing came to \$171.27, and was paid by Kate. Kate noted that at the last Executive meeting, the Board

agreed to give Rosie's a deposit for our Annual dinner. Additionally, approval sought to write 2 checks for milage and for an honorarium for our presenter at the dinner.

- Motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented made by Kristy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom H. *Motion passed*
- Motion to disburse funds as requested (for Rosie's, and presenter's milage and honorarium) for our presenter made by Lynne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erik. *Motion passed*
- Motion to reimburse Tim for food (\$79.58), and to pay up to \$20 to the *Independent* for the quarterly meeting warning made by Lynne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth Motion. passed

- Budget: to be voted on at the Annual Meeting

**4. EMI Table-Top**—[Tim] Julie Smith (UVM) contacted Tim regarding the hosting of a virtual table-top exercise later in June. Tim asked if the group would be interested in doing this, that it could be held at the RPC building. The scenario involves a problem at a local county fair. The Field Day people as well as others (law enforcement, EM, EMS, Fire Depts, etc) would be invited as well as LEPC members. The group agreed it was a timely and appropriate training. Tim will get back to Julie and secure any necessary materials for the training. It is scheduled for June 18, 12:00 to 4:00pm.

**5. SERC Report**—Report on Agency of Natural Resources events, and the DEMHS Duty Officer report were noted.

- Chittenden County (District 1) was awarded the HMEP grant
- HazMat—Responses reported included: a 1,600 gallon ammonia release, and an incident at a Cassela facility when a can of bear repellent exploded. Both events in Chittenden County.
- The failure of several larger businesses to file their Tier II reports indicates a need for action at the local level.

**6. Annual Meeting**—John Thuman will be our Annual Meeting presenter. He was part of the local fire response at the Pentagon during 9-1-1, and is currently on the Stowe Fire Department. The Exec Board would like to invite fire officials and their spouses—the group agreed. A date of June 15 has been set for RSVPs so we can give Rosie's a head-count.

**7. Other business**—None

*Adjourn*: Motion by Erik, Seconded by Bob A, to adjourn. *Motion passed*. 6:30

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Conway, Secretary

## Upcoming Events:

- HSEEP Advanced Evaluator Training: 5/28, CCRPC, Winooski
- Intermediate Public Assistance Training—6/10, VTRANS, Colchester
- HazMat Tabletop, 6/13, MREMS (Agrimark, Porter, MFD, MPD, HazMat, Decon)
- ACEPC Annual Meeting: 6/24, Rosie's Restaurant, 5pm
- HSEEP Training: 6/24, 25 SEOC, Waterbury; 9/14, 15 Rutland
- Disaster Cost Recovery: 7/14, SEOC, Waterbury (tentative)

## Meeting Attendees:

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Erik Eriksen—EMD Ripton  
Jeff Payne—Porter EM Coord.  
Jen Kazmierzak—Middlebury College  
Tom Hanley—Chief, Middlebury PD  
Sue Hommel—VDH  
Bob Arnebold—Orwell EMD  
    Beth Diamond—211  
Robin Conway—EMD Shoreham;  
    Amateur Radio Coord.

Melody Perkins—Middlebury College  
Lynne Klamm—Field Dir., AHS  
Ray Lalumiere—Leicester EMD  
Kristy Oxholm—VGS  
Sue Ann Arnebold—Orwell Town Clerk  
Tim Bouton—ACRPC  
Sgt. Paul Badger—VSP  
Matt Fraley—Chair, Panton EMD

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