
LEPC 6
Minutes
January 19, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order at 17:15.
2. Introductions. John Muise, Candace Stoumen, Dick Clark, Tim Cleveland, Herb Meyer, Beth BaldwinPage, Corwin Elwell, David Moore, David Dezendorf, Eric Stevens, Jon Abel, Kraig LaPorte, Andy Hall, Dianne Champion, Pamela Corbett, Steve Ovenden, Josh O'Neill, Bruce Pollock, Peter Coffey, Tom Goddard
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
MOVED and seconded to approve the December 15, 2009 minutes as written. VOTE: approved.
4. John Muise: Area Director for USDA Rural Development, Discussed Community Facilities Grants and Loan Programs
 - a. John mentioned that there were over forty programs through Rural Development
 - b. He briefly outlined the many Eligible Projects that would be considered under the Community Facility Direct Loans Programs that would be applicable to LEPC member agencies such as; Police or Fire Station, Fire Trucks, Rescue Vehicles, and Municipal Facilities.
 - c. John discussed several examples throughout the region of facilities in Putney, Brattleboro, and Guilford that have used USDA rural development funds. The Grant program maximum is \$50,000 and communities in Windham County qualify for either 15% funding or 35% funding based on USDA poverty and population statistics.
 - d. The percent eligibility criteria is based largely on Census data, and that data will change in the next couple years due to the 2010 Census., so that new towns may be eligible that are not currently eligible.
 - e. John discussed some possible hurdles for using loan funding for large projects, such as the need for bond votes at Town Meeting, but also mentioned that interest rates on loans were presently very low at about 4%.
 - f. John left pamphlets and other informational handouts regarding the grant and loan programs for first response agencies and encouraged folks to get in touch with him about any ideas that may be coming in the future.
5. HSU:
 - a. No Report
6. VEM:
 - a. Peter Coffey gave the VEM update.
 - b. He discussed the planning relating to the Catastrophic Exercise that will be occurring statewide in September. The Springfield C-POD location will be included in the multi-day exercise.

- c. Peter discussed the Champlain Bridge Implosion. He also mentioned that the Public Safety Headquarters renovation will require staff to move out of current office most likely by August now.
 - d. Peter also mentioned the formation of the Citizen Corp Council Advisory Committee to advise on co-ordination of Citizen Corp teams with LEPC's and first response agencies. He also mentioned that there was another group that has been meeting to work on issues relating to vulnerable populations. I believe VEM has named this the Special Needs Emergency Preparedness Project.
7. VSP:
 - a. Lt. Kraig discussed the modified ICS overview, EMT refresher course that he would be giving on January 20 at the Marlboro Graduate Center.
 - b. Kraig mentioned that he could also do this presentation for the LEPC if folks are interested. It would likely be about 2.5 hours in length. After some discussion, LEPC members decided to have Kraig give the presentation at the March LEPC meeting.
8. CERT:
 - a. No report
9. VDH:
 - a. Pam gave an update on H1N1. Vaccine is now available for the general population. They are scheduling vaccinations between the hours of 10-11am for interested individuals.
 - b. Dianne Champion mentioned that Vermont scored 9 out of 10 on a review of State preparedness for the H1N1 response. If you want more detail on this assessment of the State's capabilities, please contact Dianne.
10. Training Committee:
 - a. Reminder that the Training and Exercise Plan Workshop (TEPW) will take place on January 28, 2010. So please mark your calendars!! LEPC 6 Training and Exercise Plan Workshop **January 28, 2010 from 5-9pm at Brattleboro Fire Station**. Dinner will be provided!! register with Andrea Hatch at ahatch@dps.state.vt.us
 - b. The Training Committee is continuing planning for an LEPC 6 Tabletop Exercise (TTX) to occur on April 10, 2010. Final Planning Conference will be on February 22. More information will be available after this final planning meeting
11. Old Business:
 - a. None
12. New Business:
 - a. None
13. Next Meeting:

- i. February, 16th 2010 at the Putney Fire Station. Meeting will start at 5:00pm. Jim Esden from the VT Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation will be at this meeting to speak about dangerous fuel load buildup in forests resulting from last year's Ice Storm.

14. Meeting Adjourned at 18:30

Respectfully Submitted by,

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