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LEPC 6  
Minutes  
September 16, 2008

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1. The meeting was called to order at 17:10.
2. Introductions. Josh O'Neill, Lisa Hecht, Jack Horton, Jim Tonkovich, Jon Abel, Dale West, Allen Pike, Kraig LaPorte, Laura Conway, Bill Laferriere, Peter Coffey, Gary Fox, Dianne Champion, Eric Stevens, David Moore, Dick Cooke, Donald Capponcelli, Barb Williams, Annette Abel
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting.  
MOVED and seconded to approve the August 19 minutes as written. VOTE: approved.

Note\* While the Minutes were approved it was later realized that Laura Conway's name was left off the meeting participants list for August 19. The Minutes have been amended to add her name.

4. Panel Discussion on Public Sector/Private Sector Cooperation in Emergency Planning led by Peter Coffey and Bill Laferriere
  - a. Bill Laferriere discussed his role at BGS as providing logistics services for VEM
  - b. He discussed services such as equipment, contracting processes, inventory of physical assets and how this discussion ties in with the planned tabletops and exercises
  - c. There was mention of the need for towns to make sure they are not competing for the same suppliers/vendors for resources. There is a need for towns to try and have updated MOU's with local private assets
  - d. Peter mentioned that town responders should call VEM when local resources become outstripped
  - e. VEM is working with supermarkets, the goal is to keep places like Shaws and Wal-Mart open during an emergency
  - f. VEM has MOU's with mobile support; swift water and urban rescue teams out of Colchester and Stowe

- Annette Abel raised concerns about animal welfare and Peter Coffey directed her to some Rutland based resources for emergency accommodations as well as Colchester Technical Rescue for large animal rescue

5. HSU: No report.
6. VEM: Peter Coffey mentioned the first annual Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference which will be taking place on November 6, 2008 at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, Vermont. He mentioned that 90 people have already registered and this should be a great event covering a lot of ground.

VEM RERP - Laura Conway mentioned that the RERP Fiscal 2020 process is ongoing, she also discussed an upcoming drill in Bellows Falls, reception center on October 29

7. CERT: No Report

8. VSP: The LEPC welcomed Lieutenant Kraig Laporte to his first meeting. Kraig has taken over as commander of the Brattleboro Troop D Barracks for Vermont State Police while Rick Hopkins has taken over as Rockingham Troop D Barracks
9. VDH: Pam Corbett working more with radiological issues in the near future; Relocation Center drill getting ready for October 29
10. Training Committee:
  - a. Andrea Hatch from HSU joined us to discuss a 3 year training calendar for LEPC 6 and stated that all the LEPC's in the northern area of the state have one.
  - b. This 3 year planning effort would be kicked off with a 3-4 hour Training/Exercise Development Workshop. We all felt that the training survey we had been working on would be the perfect device to help us into this type of workshop.
  - c. The goal of the Training/Exercise Development Workshop is the creation of a calendar that works towards seminars, tabletops, and exercises. We are shooting for a date of January 29<sup>th</sup> for this workshop
11. Old Business:
  - a. Nothing reported
12. New Business:
  - a. Officer Elections will be held at the next meeting
13. Next Meeting:
  - i. 17:00, October 21, Brattleboro Retreat, Brattleboro
  - ii. Presentation by Kevin Anderson (HSU) on a nationwide program known as Regional Informational Sharing Systems (RISS) and Automated Trusted Information Exchange (ATIX).
14. Meeting Adjourned at 18:30.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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