

South Wachusett Regional Emergency Planning Committee
John Augustus Hall
West Boylston, MA
Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2012

Attendees:

Jack Chandler, Holden Fire/EMD
William Moulton, DCR
Dennis Minnich, WBPD
Alex Belisle, Jr., Holden Fire
Jim Emertom, Sterling CERT
Frank McManmon, MEMA, Reg. 3-4
Silvio Baruzzi, West Boylston DPW
Michael Kane, Coulter Press
Marc Restuccia, UMMC/Sterling
Rich Pauley, WBFD
Kristin Keegan, DCR

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Jack Chandler

Recertification Extension

Jack Chandler reported that the Committee's certification has been extended from three to five years making it good until 2015.

Election of Officers

Alex Belisle moved that the committee retain its current slate of officers. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. There was some discussion as to whether or not there was a quorum and vote may need to be retaken if more members show up.

Schedule for Table Top Exercise

Jack Chandler informed the group that MEMA has a new training tool called "NIMS City" which can be used in a Table Top exercise to simulate an emergency/HAZMAT situation. It was designed for groups trying to get their certification, but they are willing to come to an REPC meeting for a Table Top exercise. It was suggested that the January, 2013 meeting would be a good time to do it.

Dennis Minnich informed the group that Dominic Barber from the sheriff's department expressed an interest in participating in a Table Top exercise. Dennis will follow up with Mr. Barber.

Other Business

In response to a recent situation where an ambulance got lost while responding to a call on the watershed, Bill Moulton inquired whether anyone needed additional maps. Jack Chandler requested the maps in PDF format. The maps are being updated and Bill will provide them when they are completed.

Dennis Minnich gave the Treasurer's Report and reported that there is a balance of \$3,785.21. Jack Chandler moved that the report be accepted and the motion passed unanimously.

Jack Chandler informed the group that the committee recently received a planning grant which he would like to be used to purchase supplies for John Augustus Hall so that the building will be better equipped to function as an EOC.

Bill Moulton informed the group that there is a night ops training scheduled for April 18, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight for boom training which will take place at South Bay, off Rt. 140. Bill invited the members to take part in the training.

Other trainings are scheduled for the last Wednesday in June for Boylston and West Boylston and on June 5 for Holden. Another night training for Sterling needs to be scheduled.

The group decided to take another vote on the election of officers with the addition of 2 additional members who came into the meeting. Alex Belisle moved that the committee retain its current slate of officers. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Kristin Keevan