



Central Vermont Regional Emergency Management Committee

Meeting Summary

August 10, 2022

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting convened at 5:04 pm with a welcome. A quorum of voting members was not present, and no formal action was taken during the meeting. All members in attendance introduced themselves and the community they represent. S. Pratt submitted a proxy form to CVRPC for Moretown's other member.

REMC Overview, Initial Work Ideas

Keith Cubbon of CVRPC gave a brief PowerPoint overview of the mission and guidance of the Central Vermont Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC).

REMC Organizational Tasks

Bylaws: Draft bylaws documenting the REMC meeting procedures were presented and discussed. C. Rodgers asked if CVRPC would be able to fill the role of fiscal agent for the REMC. K. Cubbon replied that yes CVRPC would be able to fill that role for the organization. Correction in numbering of Articles of Bylaws. Article VI add term to Chair and Vice-Chair that ends April 30th each year. Article VII- Proxy voting is only counted for individual's municipality of residence even when representing other municipalities for quorum. Article XIII-A- Changes to these bylaws may be made after each Emergency Management Committee member has been notified of the impending changes in writing. The changes may be then voted on at a meeting to be scheduled at least two weeks after the initial notice. Changes in bylaws must be approved by a majority of Emergency Management Committee members entitled to vote, in person or by proxy as authorized by these bylaws.

Regional Plan: Cubbon informed the group that he had worked on a draft regional plan and would send it out to members to review.

State Committee representatives: Stefan Pratt volunteered to represent the REMC at the State LEPC committee. Emily Harris of VEM notified the organization of the importance to have representation on the THIRA/SPR and IPPW committees to help the state to allocate funding to get the equipment that is needed in our region.

Presentation: Vermont National Guard

Lt. Col. Jason Galipeau- presented a PowerPoint slide show of capabilities that the National Guard offers and how to access them. He explained both that there is a fee structure and that some capabilities are affected by deployment status of the guard. He pointed out that the guard cannot compete with private business that

offer the same capacities or capabilities found in communities. Hazmat, firefighting and bomb disposal are not affected by deployments and have a quick response time. Due to use air assets have a quick response time but high cost. Mentioned that Civil Air Patrol is another option for air assets with much lower cost. The guard is requested through the VEM watch officer and to request a need (i.e. 500 gals. of water, not we need a water buffalo) as they have multiple ways of fulfilling needs.

VEM Updates

- Lots of funding available for Hazard Mitigation - please contact stephanie.a.smith@vermont.gov if you have any project you are thinking of.
- Funding is available to develop regional Communications/Dispatching. Applications must be received by September 2nd. <https://hsu.vermont.gov/regional-communications>
- SurviVermont - August 29th Berlin armory 6-7:30pm. Must register in advance. <https://schoolsafety.vermont.gov/news/survivermont-trainings-registration-open>
- Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference - Killington September 20 & 21. Room is already reserved by Stefan, Vice Chair.
- ICS 300 at Hartford Fire Station on September 27-29.
- G191 ICS EOC Interface Saturday November 5th St. Michael's College, Colchester

Wrap and Next Meeting

The next meeting of the REMC will be in November 2022. Members discussed preferences for meeting times, and days.

Members asked Cubbon to do a poll of all membership if there is a better day or time to increase attendance at meetings.

C. Rodgers asked for a ranking of threats to the member communities from their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans. Cubbon responded that he would make a compilation of these and report at next meeting.

Future agenda items:

- Review bylaw changes requested and adopt
- Elect Chair/Vice Chair
- REMC appointments to the THIRA, and IPPW.
- Regional plan

The meeting ended at 6:11pm.

Voting Attendees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Barre City	Doug Brent, Fire Chief	<input type="checkbox"/> Northfield	Lawrence Rutter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Schulz, Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barre Town	Carl Rogers, Town Manager/EMD	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange	Eric Holmgren
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joshua Martineau, Firefighter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chris LaMonda
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Berlin	Bruce Richardson, EMD	<input type="checkbox"/> Plainfield	Sasha Thayer, Selectboard
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Pontbriand, Police Chief	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant
<input type="checkbox"/> Cabot	Jenn Miner, EMD	<input type="checkbox"/> Roxbury	Mike Dickinson

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ruth Goodrich, | <input type="checkbox"/> | Shane Ryan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calais | Nick Emlen, EMD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waitsfield | Fred Messer, EMD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Betty Copeland | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mark Haviland, MRV Ambulance Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Duxbury | Mari Pratt | <input type="checkbox"/> Warren | Jeff Campbell, EMD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Courtney Guyette | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mark Haviland, MRV Ambulance Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East Montpelier | Seth Gardner, EMD/Selectboard Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington | Ryan Bresette, EMD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jon Boucher, EMC/Constable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Peter Carbee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fayston | Craig Snell, EMD | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterbury | Gary Dillon, Fire Dept. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tripp Johnson, Fire Chief | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mike Bard, EMC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marshfield | Chris Martin | <input type="checkbox"/> Williamstown | Jackie Higgins, Manager |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Will Scharwz | <input type="checkbox"/> | William Graham |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middlesex | Peter Hood | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodbury | Chance Payette, EMD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Eric Metivier, Fire Chief | <input type="checkbox"/> | Deb Larose, EMT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Montpelier | Bill Frasier, Manager | <input type="checkbox"/> Worcester | Ted Lamb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vacant | <input type="checkbox"/> | John Kaeding |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moretown | Stefan Pratt, EMD | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cortney Guyette | | |

Others Present: Emily Harris (VEM); Keith Cubbon (CVRPC); Lt. Col. Jason Galipeau (VT-ANG)