

TOWN OF WESTBOROUGH MASSACHUSETTS

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Town Hall - 34 West Main Street - Westborough, MA. 01581

Date: 3/7/2023

Location: Westborough Fire Department Meeting Room 42 Milk Street

Time: 10:00AM-11:00AM

Present: Lynn Keeley, Stephen Doucet (Chair), Derek Saari, Donald Monty, Rebecca Roman (Vice-Chair), Michael DiLapso, Scot Berkowitz, Dale Goodspeed, Dan McNally, Todd Minardi, Patrick Purcell, Kristi Williams, Jennifer Sullivan, Jennifer Miller
Submitted by: Lynn Keeley

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Topic	Discussion	Conclusion/Follow-up/Recommendation
<p>Welcome and Call to Order</p>	<p>Steve welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a little history as to what has transpired since covid happened and meetings were on hold.</p> <p>All members introduced themselves. Steve gave some information about LEPC in general, his experience at WFD as well as being part of the state hazmat team with 24 years of high level hazmat experience. He met with our MEMA representative.</p>	<p>LEPC background and responsibilities information as well as the LEPC-By-Laws were distributed to all via email.</p> <p>The biggest focus of LEPC has to do with hazmat from the Right to Know Laws from the 80's. All Tier 2 plans from facilities in town are given to the WFD, so they are prepared if needing to respond to an incident.</p> <p>Discussion of Preparation and Pre-planning and Mitigation and 21E buildings also.</p> <p>Last meeting was held September 10, 2019 A tabletop drill was held in 2020</p>
<p>Committee Vacancies</p>	<p>Jason Ferschke resigned from WFD and Stephen Doucet will be the new Chairperson of the committee. Other positions voted on at the meeting were Vice-Chairperson which will be Rebecca Roman and Lynn Keeley will continue as Secretary.</p> <p>Still looking to fill a few committee positions</p>	<p>All at the meeting were in favor when vote was taken.</p> <p>Actively working on that to get the membership back up.</p>

<p>Summary from Steve</p>	<p>Contact for State Resources</p> <p>Community Right To Know Act</p> <p>Activate an exercise, tabletop or physical event</p> <p>Town CEMP covers all hazards and the Hazard Emergency Plan also</p> <p>Web EOC</p> <p>LEPC Requirements: 2 meetings per year</p> <p>Explanation of Hazmat Incident at 125 Fischer Street, called State Hazmat</p> <p>Lineage 25 Otis</p> <p>Annual Tier 1 and 2 Reporting of hazardous materials of your business</p> <p>Tier 1</p>	<p>Fire Chief, Emergency Management Director and Town Manager can declare an emergency</p> <p>Have to make Tier 2 reports available to public, due 3/1 and notice will go out to public, can request from MEMA as well so prepared when arrive</p> <p>We have had a couple hazmat incidents that we were able to submit to submit for recertification, we are in the second year of certification that comes up every 5 years</p> <p>Both renewed in 2022</p> <p>Will pull up next time and review</p> <p>Proposal to take 15 minutes each meeting to review parts of the plan</p> <p>Tier 1-5, product in a barrel 60-70 degrees or explosive, lost A/C and started to emit gas that trip FA and when arrived green smog and took 72 hours due to hazmat and lots of resources utilized</p> <p>State has 3 units closest to Westborough, Worcester and Marlborough</p> <p>Anyone storing hazmat or processing goes through a permitting process with the fire department.</p> <p>TOMS- Department of Fire Services</p> <p>Hazmat- don't clean up a spill, call in an environmental company for that</p> <p>Mercury Spill the most common and handle that and hand off to the health department</p>
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	<p>1- Person 2- Multiple People Responding 3- 45 People 4- 2 Teams or 2 Districts 5- Entire State Responding</p> <p>2 Grants</p> <p>MEMA can offer assistance with exercises, has to have hazmat component for MEMA to help</p> <p>Equipment requests we will wait on it until next meeting</p>	<p>Emergency Man. Perf. Grant- reimbursed based \$5100- Code Red- used for that</p> <p>125 Flanders hazmat paid money due to calls Some hazmat training and equipment has used money in the past</p> <p>HMEP Grant we missed the deadline this year, focus on training</p> <p>Hazmat revolving account we all have to agree on</p>
<p>Open Forum</p>	<p>Lineage- Safety Program 5 Why's to get to root cause</p> <p>165 Flanders- Ammonia- general duty clause since under 10,000lbs.</p> <p>Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital introduction Rebecca Roman</p> <p>Public Safety</p>	<p>Lineage appreciates being part of the committee, Ammonia Facility (4,000 lbs.) have an emergency protocol in place for a leak, discussed ammonia awareness training and an incident that happened in Norwood.</p> <p>APSM program at Cumberland Farms, be prepared as if they were a 10,000lb. facility to go above and beyond, maintenance team is ammonia certified, will do further training and certification with company from Georgia that is coming to the facility, ? maybe ammonia exercise later this year, in the process of recertification now, Lanyard Tech. training coming to Cumberland Farms.</p> <p>Discussed evacuation and partner Beaumont with a goal for incident command training</p> <p>Training dept. on lithium ion batteries, 3 fires already</p>

in the past year, it's the newest hazard and discussion of recycling, need to develop a battery response policy, lithium fires are difficult to put out and put off toxic fumes, electric car fires 90 minutes done so let burn, can put out but it keeps reigniting, over packing kit to seal it.

Batter Place on Flanders road also

Cons. Town prep. For flood events...

BOH

Town Manager

Derek

Make sure plans address and that we are ready as a committee.

2 shelters run by BOH, senior center and high school

First meeting.

Where are all tier 2 sites in Westboro, put them all down on landscape, looking at lighting for bridge to see if it will help with the trucks.

Vulnerability- created pre-flood mitigation maps and have teams that gout and do pre-flood mitigation inspections

Do an exercise with hurricane preparation week in order to mitigate floods in those areas, Flanders Rd./Sector 6 very important area, next going back out and ensuring (maybe random checks initiated) SDS sheets all updated and purged all unnecessary hazardous materials at DPW, last part water purification plan

Question if gas stations were Tier 2

NO they are licensed and permitted to store combustible liquid

Cumberland Farms ALICE training active training State developed an NFPA 3000 Alert

Volunteered to host, welcomed committee members to training

Waiver ambulance not for ER

Next Meeting	Next meeting	June 6, 2023 at Cumberland Farms
Adjourn	Meeting ended at 11:11AM	