



VERMONT LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Location: Virtual / Department of Public Safety. Waterbury



1. Call to Order – Bob Morlino, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04.

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: none

3. Roll Call:

Seat - Name	Present	Absent
Rutland Regional Planning Commission REMC / LEPC Chair - Robert Morlino	X	
Fire Service Coalition / LEPC Vice Chair – Kevin McAllister	X	
Addison County REMC – Dan Kuzio	X	
Bennington County REMC – Dara Zink		X
Caledonia-Essex REMC – Bruce Melendy		X
Central Vermont REMC – Jeff Campbell	X	
Chittenden County REMC – Christine Forde		
Franklin Country REMC – Shawn Colman		X
Grand Isle County REMC – Shawn Colman		X
Lamoille REMC – Jonathan DeLaBruere		X
Mount Ascutney Regional Commission REMC – Kevin McAllister	X	
Orleans-Essex REMC – Bruce Melendy		X
Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission REMC – Alex Northern	X	
Windham Regional Commission REMC – Alyssa Sabetto	X	
VT Association of Planning & Development Agencies (VAPDA) – Andrew L’Roe (Alec Jones)	X	
<u>Unfilled Organization / Field Seats – do not count towards quorum:</u>		
<i>Vermont Ambulance Association</i>		
<i>Vermont Sheriffs’ Association</i>		
<i>Vermont Association of Broadcasters</i>		
<i>Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT)</i>		
<i>Vermont Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coalition (VHEPC)</i>		
<i>Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) Industry (1)</i>		
<i>Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) Industry (2)</i>		
<i>Vermont National Guard (VTNG)</i>		
<i>Vermont Department of Health (VDH)</i>		
<i>Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Farms, and Markets (VAAFAM)</i>		
Non-Voting Members: Patrick McLaughlin (HAZMAT Response Team chief), Mike Skaza (Fire Academy), Tiana Smith (Green Mountain Power)Absent		
Members of the public: Emily Harris, Charles Colley (Francis Patno for Colley), Brad Roy and Liz Royer (Vermont Rural Water Association)		

4. Future LEPC meeting dates. Mr. Morlino mentioned that the LEPC will met Quarterly. This being the meeting for Q1 2024. Discussion ensued regarding future dates for the LEPC. The following dates were agreed:

April 16
July 9
October 22

All meetings will be scheduled from 10:00 to noon. Mr. Morlino explained that we are required to have an in-person option for all meetings. Up to now the in person location has been the State Waterbury complex. For the future, we would like to move the in-person location around the State. Alex Northern graciously offered the Norwich Fire Department as the in-person location for the April 16 meeting. He will confirm to the Chair if that date is open for the room.

5. Chief Patrick McLaughlin gave a 2023 review of the Vermont Hazardous Materials Response Team. 2023 was the busiest year on record for the Hazmat Team and included some very rare type of hazmat events.
6. Public Comments. No public comments.
7. Meeting adjourned at 10:52.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 1000.

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