

Mighty Londonderry
Community Resilience Organization
Meeting Minutes - November 21, 2017

Attendees: Jennifer Probst, Bruce Frauman
Collaborator: Jeff Duda

1. Meeting called to order by Bruce at 6:23 pm
2. Add to agenda, requested by Bruce, Thrifty attic funding, Community Partners meeting review

3. Table Top Exercise.

Overall it was a success.

Bruce said it was possible that the First Congregational Church did not get an invitation. He said that Gloria, director of Neighborhood Connections expressed regret that she could not attend. A table top for "soft" agencies would have a different focus.

Jennifer said the networking was good and the table top was well attended.

Bruce noted that people were willing to take assignments. Jennifer said some partnered with each other. Jennifer want to keep Laurie from Just Neighbors in the loop, and maybe use them for best practices for use by other groups. We can help soft groups from duplicating efforts.

Bruce will look into Transition Town practices to apply to Londonderry to promote resilience beyond emergency situations.

The sticky note assignments Bruce took are (expanded):

Use of the Red Cross - advertise their services

How do we identify Vulnerable Populations

Coordination with Assistance Agencies for Welfare Checks

211 - Advertise its services

Fridge Magnets for Emergency Contacts

Most relate to our coordination with the soft agencies. Bruce said they will require a more personal approach.

Jeff Duda arrived and said he thought the table top was a great training and recommended that it be repeated every other year. Jeff said he went to one LEPC meeting, thought Kevin has been to several.

The press release that Richard Cogliano wrote was read and rewritten. Bruce will send it out.

4. Bruce reported that the Community Partners meeting on Nov. 14 focused on transportation difficulties of many in our area. Bill Cooley and Bill Moynihan, of RSVP, both provide rides to those in need. Most rides are medical related, paid for by Medicaid. People also need rides for grocery and other shopping. The safety of

women drivers is also a concern. The Community Health Team at Springfield Hospital coordinates a lot of transportation for residents, as does Just Neighbors of Weston. Delores of Neighborhood Connections asked for more fact finding: who's around that want rides and for what? Bus transportation is provided by The Current, but on a limited schedule. Barbara Donovan of VTrans is working on transportation issues. At the end, it was realized that after an hour, we had just addressed the tip of the iceberg. Transportation will be discussed again at the February Community Partners meeting. Jennifer wants to learn more about the meeting and will attend the Dec. 12 meeting.

5. We will hold off on discussing VT Alert because Kevin did not attend the meeting. We may invite the new town administrator, Robert Nied to our next meeting. Jeff suggested including an information card for VT Alert in the town report.
6. Shelter - Jennifer said Marge Fish will take the lead.
7. Thrifty Attic. Jeff said the deadline for grants was Nov. 15. Sally Waite is the person to contact to be included for next year.
8. The next table top meeting will occur on Jan. 3 at 600 pm to hear and review Emergency Management assessment and recommendations.
9. We may want to include a refrigerator magnet in the tax bill.
10. Jennifer got CERT information from Matt Kujovski. She went to a meeting in Wilmington where a new CERT has been established.
11. The next meeting will be Dec. 12 at 11:00 am.
12. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by Bruce Frauman, Chair
November 27, 2017.