

Mighty Londonderry  
Community Resilience Organization  
**DRAFT** Meeting Minutes - February 8, 2018

Attendees: Jennifer Probst, Bruce Frauman, Dick Dale

1. Meeting called to order by Bruce at 11:02 am
2. No changes to agenda
3. Bruce moved, Jennifer seconded to approve the minutes of Nov. 21 as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. Bruce is waiting for notes from Richard Cogliano for minutes for the Jan. 3 meeting.
4. Table Top Exercise. Dick said 90% of the action required from the Jan. 3 follow up meeting to the table top exercise falls on Kevin Beattie and Robert Nied.  
Dick says we need to get 2 or 3 names, phone numbers and emails from “soft” agencies so the emergency command can contact them if necessary. Chris Blackey of the First Baptist Church and Lauri Croose, minister from the 2nd Congregational Church have already agreed to be contacted. There has been little cooperation from the Mountain Valley Medical Center. Dick says we need to know what each organization is able to do in an emergency and insure that the vulnerable people they know about are being taken care of.  
Jennifer asked about calling a meeting, but Dick thought that would be difficult. Email communication is better. Dick calls this a “soft landing” approach to leadership, but says the task will get done.  
Dick will contact the Baptist Church, the 2nd Congregational Church, and Neighborhood Connections.  
Jennifer will contact the Catholic Church, the Visiting Nurses Association, and Just Neighbors.  
Bruce will contact Margret Barton of the Food Pantry and Karen Sabin of Meals on Wheels. He will get the list of Community Partners participants.  
All information is due before the next CRO meeting.  
Dick says Tier One in an emergency is the Mountain Valley Clinic, Neighborhood Connections and the churches. Tier Two is the educational community and the longer term commitment especially relating to kids and the elderly. Thrift Attic could triage any donations before they are distributed to those in need.  
The CRO role could be to do follow up:
  1. Be sure people are being served
  2. Be sure providers are not being overwhelmed.
  3. Help staff the EOC.
5. Shelter. Marge Fish is taking over the Shelter committee per Jennifer. Jennifer says she knows people in the Red Cross who can provide training for shelter

volunteers. A new initiative is Sound the Alarm through fire departments to provide free 10 year smoke detectors. Perhaps we can help organize such a distribution in Londonderry.

If the shelter is activated, it will probably be 2 or 3 days into an emergency. We will need to coordinate with Neal as to the logistics.

6. Vermont Alert. Bruce will announce the need to sign up again at town meeting and perhaps pick up more flyers in Brattleboro.

7. Next Steps. Bruce would like to get beyond emergency situation to ongoing resiliency issues and will look into what Transition Town suggests.

Jennifer says Hartford puts on Resilience Week with workshops. Dick says the Parks Department and the Conservation Commission do have gatherings. Perhaps we can use those occasions to talk briefly about topics such as VT Alert and fire extinguishers. By partnering with these organizations, we don't have to provide food or publicity. Bruce says the Energy Committee is planning to have a table at the Electronics Recycling and Hazardous Waste Collection Days. Perhaps we can share the table and provide relevant information.

8. The next meeting will be March 8 at 11:00 am.

12. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Submitted by Bruce Frauman, Chair  
February 15, 2018