

Mighty Londonderry
Community Resilience Organization
Meeting Minutes - June 12, 2018

Attendees: Kevin Beattie, Bruce Frauman, Dick Dale

1. Meeting called to order by Bruce at 6:03 pm
2. State Catastrophic exercise added to agenda. Dick said perhaps this fall we will issue an email letting people know about this exercise.
3. Minutes of April 10 approved by Dick and Bruce as submitted.
4. State wide catastrophic exercise
Kevin said this would be a good next step after the table top exercise because it is state wide. The request for towns to join said it would take place October 23-24, 2019 with required attendance at training sessions Oct 23, 2018 and Jan. 15, March 19, and July 16, 2019. The actual exercise will start 48-72 hours **POST disaster** and run 12 hours on each day.
Dick would like to be able to involve "soft agencies". Kevin said road damage and FEMA might be involved. Dick wants to find out more so we could sell it as an important followup. Kevin said the EOC would be activated and we may need to order supplies through state agencies. Kevin said we should take it to the Select Board to gauge interest. Dick said it would be a fantastic follow-up to test our system. Kevin said it would likely focus on the EMD level on up. We would need two 12 hour days to man the EOC. Kevin will ask Rick Cogliano how much town participation is anticipated for this exercise and typically. For instance would the road commissioner and foreman participate? Dick said perhaps some people and agencies could be available by phone and not be required to come to the EOC site. Bruce said he would be willing to be a planner if Londonderry chose to participate.
5. Table Top Exercise follow up
Dick said we have been updating the soft agency contact list and remind people we met with a summary. Bruce said we still need to put it all on one sheet. Kevin will contact the new Neighborhood Connections director, Trisha Parades (sp?) to open communications. Kevin said there is a social services agent with the state police. Kevin will keep the Community Partners list with the LEOC for contact information.
6. Vermont Alert
Dick said the last he knew 47 people had signed up. We could remind people periodically through the Chester-Telegraph, Londonderry Monthly, Community Forum and possibly the town email list. Apparently people do not feel the need to sign up.
7. Shelter

Dick said Marge Fish said she has it “all under control”. She has checked out the beds and talked with Neal and Jennifer. Emails are going around with in the shelter sub-committee. Kevin said he has been working with Neal regularly. Dick said Neal said there are several levels which would allow the shelter to continue while school is in session. We could see on the blackboard that the EOC generator RFP is to be opened on June 18. Kevin said he will ask Marge about training and who is lined up to be a shelter volunteer. Bruce remembered that Jennifer proposed putting up hand written signs at various locations informing people that the shelter is open. Dick said Chris Blackey and Laurie Kroose and Neighborhood Connections have agreed to tell their clients about the shelter should it be opened. In addition the fire departments, rescue squad, Grace Cottage hospital, Springfield Medical (Mountain Valley Medical Clinic), area towns, the VNA and others could be contacted. Kevin’s said if the shelter is open, the EOC would be open.

8. State CRO meeting (May 12)

Bruce attended. He said they reviewed the recycling law and promoted the benefits of compost. The CRO does have grant money for projects. Hartford said they put too much energy into Resilience Week and would spread out its education programs. Barrett is working on welcome packet to distribute to new residents. Vermont VOAD (vtvod.communityos.org) might be good resource. Kevin said he knew of VOAD through LEPC meeting. Bruce came up with a goal for Mighty Londonderry: “Helping people effectively after a disaster.” One idea Bruce has was to help elderly people get to music concerts during the summer as a community project. Dick was not interested in helping. Dick did say a welcome packet might be a good project for us.

9. Next steps

Dick said we should continue to remind people to sign up for VT Alert and keep the lines of communication open. Kevin wants to stir up interest in new members with new ideas. Bruce will forward the information about the CRO grants to town committees. Dick said maxing out our influence requires creating a cause and marketing that cause.

Kevin said that during the last power outage he did receive two calls from Weston. He told Jennifer who told the Weston EMD. These people were able to go the the Colonial Inn for shelter. None of this would have happened with out the CRO efforts. Dick said when there is an emergency there is a depository of people because we maintained contacts with them. This is an indication that the time and effort we put in was well spent.

Kevin will keep in touch with the state and one of us will go to the Select Board about the state exercise.

10. The next meeting is not yet scheduled but will be in August or September.

9. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Submitted by Bruce Frauman, Chair

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