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APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

13 November 2024, 12:00pm

Zoom and In Person at ACRPC Office, 14 Seminary St, Middlebury VT

12:00 Call to Order

Brief Introductions and Roll Call were conducted

Approval of August 2024 Meeting Minutes- motion by Bob Groff, second by Sandy Korda.
Unanimously approved by voice vote.

Harry Schoppmann, VEM Regional Coordinator provided an update on 2025 Local Emergency Management Plans- there are a number of general updates, some plan requirement changes concerning:

- EMD listing,
- Municipal Emergency Operations Center,
- simplified listing of municipal-owned resources,
- public information and warning,
- organizations/communities requiring additional coordination (previously “Vulnerable populations”),
- shelters,
- contact information

The Municipal Adoptions Form, templates, & sample will be available in December
Virtual training will be available in the Learning Management System in December.
If you don't have an account, contact your Regional Coordinator (Harry Schoppman at Harry.Schoppmann@vermont.gov)

Middlebury College students from ENVS0401 presented on their project to identify and document resources for Hazard Mitigation Plan outreach and a directory of vulnerable populations and organizations.

The toolkit is divided into Community Stakeholder Categories, including:

- Human Security: Food, Shelter, and Personal Safety
- Senior Care
- Childcare and Education
- Healthcare and Disability Services
- Migrant Farm Workers
- Rural Connectivity
- Libraries and other Organizations

Each category section has an “Outreach starter kit” with example text, a list of Important Considerations, and list of Organizations with contact information

A. L’Roe provided a brief overview of ANR’s **Municipal Climate Change Vulnerability Indicators Tool** (available at <https://climatechange.vermont.gov/mvi>)

The tool is organized as an interactive map with information across six “domains” or categories:

- Infrastructure
- The built environment
- Community
- Social
- Natural Environment
- Economy and Jobs

It can produce town and county-level maps of a number of climate hazards:

- Drought
- Extreme Precipitation
- Erosion
- Ice, Hail, and Snow Storms
- High and Low Temperatures
- Wind
- Wildfire
- Landslides
- Flooding
- Invasive Species

It can be useful in the early stages of Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, as well as in zoning, town plans, identifying vulnerable buildings, etc.

Vermont Emergency Management Update (H. Schoppmann, There’s an EMD training next week)

H. Schoppmann can give an emergency preparedness training- contact him if you’re interested

Statewide LEPC- meeting was held on 10/22 (REMC representative Dan Kuzio sent a summary)

- was a presentation from Len Wallace of the US EPA Region I about the LEPC requirements within EPCRA. The LEPC is responsible for reviewing and exercising an emergency plan created by each EHS facility in the state. Right now the LEPC is not hitting this mark for the state. It hasn’t reviewed any emergency plans, and need to develop an efficient process for doing so.
- A new hire will be responsible for collecting and initially reviewing these plans. The State HazMat team does exercise some of these plans, and that the documentation just needs to be shared with the LEPC. An effort is also being made to increase engagement of the EHS facilities in the LEPC process, since, by law, they are members.

Tier II records for 2023 have recently been shared with A. L’Roe and he has started updating the County HazMat documentation for distribution to county first responders and dispatching agencies

RPC updates (A. L’Roe)

The Regional Planning Commission is down 2 staff members and trying to get caught up on several municipal Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.

Several Local Hazard Mitigation Plans are being wrapped up and drafts will be submitted to the state- draft forms are available on the ACRPC website: <https://acrpc.org/local-hazard-mitigation-plans/>

1:00pm Adjourn

Submitted by Andrew L’Roe, ACRPC

Next REMC Meeting- Wednesday, February 12, 2024
Zoom and ACRPC Office

11/13/2024 REMC Meeting Attendees:

Municipal Voting Members

(* = voting member, ** = voting member & proxy)

** Bob Groff, Panton EMC

** Martin Haitz, Addison EMC

** Charlene Phelps, Starksboro EMC

** Valerie Capels, Bristol EMD

** Sandy Korda, Orwell EMD

(5 voting members all holding additional proxies, representing 5 communities)

Also attending,

(by Zoom)

Beate Ankjaer-Jensen, VT Department of Health, Middlebury

Kate Rothwell, Middlebury Regional EMS

Bill Elwell, Bristol EMS

Peter Brown, Middlebury College

(in person)

Beth Winter, UVMHN Porter Hospital Emergency Preparedness Specialist

Harry Schoppmann, Vermont Emergency Management Regional Coordinator

Caroline Paske, Vermont Emergency Management

Bill Cunningham, TriValley Transit

Middlebury College Students: Casey Lund, Windsor Smith, Katie Heo, Ellie Hughes, Corinne Lowmanstone

Andrew L'Roe, ACRPC Emergency Management Planner