

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 11 February 2026, 12:00pm

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

<https://acrpc.org/acrpc-remc/>



12:01 Call to Order- Brief Introductions and Roll Call

12:03 Approval of November 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes- motion to approve by Erik Eriksen , second by Marty Haitz, Unanimously approved by voice vote.

12:05 Michaela Olin (American Red Cross) Disaster Program Manager, Northern VT Territory

M. Olin presented about the Red Cross of Vermont providing Biomedical Services, Training Services, and Humanitarian Services.

Red Cross provides warm meals and relief supplies, safe shelter, health and mental health support, and financial assistance- Incident Commander can call and request assistance

Red Cross operates several types of shelters- evacuation centers, cooling/warming centers, emergency evacuation shelters, post-impact shelters.

There are CVOEO shelters, mostly in Burlington and Williston (<https://www.cvoeo.org/get-help/outreach-resource-and-shelter-services>)

They also do shelter surveys and facility use agreements, typically updating ever 2-4 years.

There are two Distribution of Emergency Supplies (DES) trailers in the state, one of which is at Middlebury College with 100 cots

They have ~285 active volunteers in Vermont

How to contact Red Cross: For Disaster Relief, call 24/7 National Emergency Dispatch Center at 833-583-3111

If the State EOC is activated, request Red Cross assistance through the VEM Watch Officer (1-800-347-0488) and reach out to Michaela Olin, Northern Vermont Community Disaster Program Manager, michaela.olin@redcross.org, Mobile: 802-999-4212

12:50 Updates and Reminders

- Vermont Emergency Management Update (Harry Schoppmann)
 - EMPG funding- there have been delays with the 2025 funding. It has been accepted by the state, but the timing is still unknown, affecting VEM and RPC staff.
 - LEMP updates- no changes to the template this year. Signed update is due after Town Meeting in March, and before June 1. H. Schoppmann is happy to meet with towns for the update if they contact him.
 - The Watch Officer is on call 24/7 to support towns. (1-800-347-0488). Incident commanders should also call to report any spills of substances more than 2 gallons.

- Statewide LEPC- no major updates (REMC representative Dan Kuzio unable to attend REMC meeting)

- RPC updates (Andrew L'Roe):

The ACRPC continues to work with towns on Local Hazard Mitigation Plans- plans for Goshen, New Haven, Bridport and Shoreham are posted here for public and stakeholder feedback:

<https://acrpc.org/local-hazard-mitigation-plans/>

The RPC just updated its entire regional plan (<https://acrpc.org/regional-plan-2026/>), including the Health & Safety portions of the Community Infrastructure Chapter (here:

<https://acrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/4-Community-Infrastructure.pdf>) and Flood

Resilience Chapter (here: <https://acrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/7-FloodRes-EmergMgmt.pdf>). REMC members are encouraged to take a look and provide feedback. ACRPC is also working with Towns on Flood Resilience sections of Town plans, and updates needed to Floodplain zoning bylaws and potential adoption of River Corridor bylaws. More information here: <https://acrpc.org/regional-programs/emergency-management/flood-insurance-rate-maps-and-flood-hazard-zoning-bylaws/>

1:08pm Adjourn

Next REMC Meeting- Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Teams and ACRPC Office

Presenter: Beth Winter (UVMHN – Porter Medical Center) Emergency Preparedness Specialist

Meeting Attendance

Municipal Voting Members

(** = voting member & proxy)

- ** Martin Haitz, Addison EMC
- ** Ben Marks, Cornwall EMC
- ** George Gardner, Ferrisburgh Em. Services
- ** Ethan West, Goshen EMD
- ** Diane Benware, Leicester EMC
- ** Sandy Korda, Orwell EMD
- ** Erik Eriksen, Ripton EMC
- ** Colin Foster, Salisbury EMC
- ** Paul McMahon, Waltham EMC
- ** Megan Sutton, Weybridge EMD

(10 voting members, representing 10 communities)

Also attending,

(by Teams)

Michaela Olin and Lyndsey Morin, American Red Cross

Diana Myrvang, VT Department of Health

Peter Brown, Middlebury College

(in person)

Bill Cunningham, TriValley Transit

Harry Schoppmann, Vermont Emergency Management Regional Coordinator

Andrew L'Roe, ACRPC Emergency Management Planner

Scott Whittier, DOC/NOAA/National Weather Service