

Rutland Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC)

Meeting Summary for
Wednesday, September 28, 2022 – 5:30 pm
Rutland Regional Planning Commission – Large Conference Room

Microsoft Teams Meeting Log-in Information:

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Meeting ID: 211 284 879 900 Passcode: VSAccj

Call in (audio only): 802-440-1368, Phone ID: 806 719 749#

Meeting Attendees: See Attached

I. **Voting Member Roll Call**

Chair Atherton convened the meeting at 5:35 pm with a welcome and voting member roll call. A quorum of voting members was not present, so non-binding decisions were made by consensus for this meeting. Chair Atherton noted that this was the last meeting of the 2022 federal fiscal year.

II. **Approval of Agenda**

It was agreed by consensus of the voting members present that the agenda be approved.

III. **Approval of May 25, 2022 Minutes**

It was agreed by consensus of the voting members present that the minutes of the May 25, 2022 meeting be approved.

IV. **REMC Organizational Tasks**

a. Annual Appointments

- i. VEM Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment and Stakeholder Preparedness Review (THIRA and SPR)

Michael Ramsey, the Town of Proctor Emergency Management Director, was appointed by consensus of the voting members present as the Rutland REMC representative to the VEM THIRA/SPR.

V. **Regional Dispatch Transition – Status Update**

Bob Schlachter, from Rutland County Fire Mutual Aid, provided the REMC with an update on 1) the State working group established to research the Vermont State Police proposal to transition dispatching services and 2) the Rutland working group assembled to plan for a dispatch center in the Rutland Region. The Rutland County Sheriff's Department did apply for equipment/infrastructure grant funding available through the Vermont Department of Public Safety. Grant awards are anticipated in November 2022.

VI. Binary Blizzard Buildup (B³)

Steffanie Bourque introduced the state catastrophic functional exercise scheduled for October 15-17, 2024. She provided an overview of the State objectives and desire to have municipalities participate in the exercise by activating local emergency operations centers and exchanging information with and making resource requests to the State Emergency Operations Center. She outlined proposed local and regional objectives for the exercise and an approach to build capacity at the local and regional levels for meaningful participating. Next steps include scheduling buildup activities and engaging with key partners. Anyone interested in working with the REMC on these next steps is encouraged to email Steffanie – sbourque@rutlandrpc.org

VII. 2022-2023 Voting Member Appointments

Steffanie Bourque advised the voting membership that the 2023 federal fiscal year starts on October 1, 2022, and she will be reaching out to the current members to determine interest in being re-appointed for the upcoming fiscal year. Selectboards will be asked to make FY2023 appointments prior to the next REMC meeting in December 2022.

VIII. Announcements

Jan Sotirakis updated the membership on school safety planning she and the Mendon Town Administrator are doing with the Barstow Elementary School Principal.

Steffanie Bourque advised that the application for a new state hazard mitigation grant to fund local emergency management and emergency operations center enhancements should be available any day on the VEM website.

IX. Open to Public

Doug Babcock reminded the membership that VT Emergency Management Association is available to assist with emergency management capacity building activities.

X. Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 14, 2022 @ 5:30 pm

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next meeting of the REMC will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

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Voting Members 2021-2022 as of 12/17/2021**

Voting Members						
Town	First Name	Last Name	Title	Present	Proxy Given	
Benson	Paul	Davoren	EMD			
Benson	Sam	Bartholomew	Fire Rep			
Brandon	David	Atherton	EMD	1	Y	
Brandon	Tom	Kilpeck	Fire Chief	1	Y	
Castleton	Michael	Jones	EMD	1	Y	
Castleton	Peter	Mantello	Police Chief	1	Y	
Chittenden	Jan	Sotirakis	Fire Rep	1	Y	
Chittenden	Bob	Case	EMD - designee	1	Y	
Clarendon	Matt	Jakubowski	EMD			
Clarendon	TJ	Lacz	Fire Rep			
Danby	Tom	Johnston	Fire Rep	1	Y	
Danby	Shelley	Taylor	EMD - designee	1	Y	
Fair Haven	Jim	Heller	EMD-designee			
Fair Haven	Bill	Humphries	Police Chief		Y	
Hubbardton	Rick	Grabowski	Fire Rep			
Hubbardton	Janet	Morey	EMD - designee			
Ira	Bob	Toppin	EMD			
Ira						
Killington	Gary	Roth	EMD			
Killington	Thomas	Rock	Fire Rep			
Mendon	Lema	Carter	EMD			Y
Mendon	Val	Taylor	EMD-designee			Y
Middletown Springs	Herb	Childress	EMD			
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Mount Holly	Jeff	Chase	EMD	1	Y	
Mount Holly	Jon	McCann	Fire Rep	1	Y	
Mount Tabor	Phil	Lidstone	EMD			
Mount Tabor	Tom	Johnston	Fire Rep			
Pawlet	Jay	Luebke	EMD - designee	1	Y	
Pawlet	Robert	Morlino	Fire Rep	1	Y	
Pittsford	Jason	Davis	EMD			
Pittsford	Tom	Hooker	Fire Rep			Y
Poultney	Terry	Williams	EMD			
Poultney	Aaron	Kerber	Fire Chief	2	Y	
Proctor	Michael	Ramsey	EMD	1	Y	
Proctor	Kevin	Blongy	Fire Rep	1	Y	
Rutland City	Bill	Lovett	EMD			Y
Rutland City	Dan	Gedney	Fire Rep			Y
Rutland Town	Martin	Wasserman	EMD			Y
Rutland Town	Bill	Sweet	Fire Rep			Y
Shrewsbury	Aaron	Korzun	EMD			Y
Shrewsbury	Jack	Perry	Fire Rep			
Sudbury	Steve	Sgorbati	EMD			
Sudbury						
Tinmouth	Michael	Fannin	EMD	2		
Tinmouth	Ryan	Deppert	Fire Rep			Y
Wallingford	Jim	Bagnall	EMD	2	Y	
Wallingford	Michael	Hughes	Fire Chief			Y

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Wells	Todd	Fenton	Fire Chief	1	
Wells	Don	Preuss	EMD-designee		
West Haven	Rod	Ethier	EMD		Y
West Haven	Kerry	Ellis	Law Enforcement - designee		Y
West Rutland	Mary Ann	Goulette	EMD		Y
West Rutland	Michael	Skaza	Fire Chief		
				21	30

Quorum Requirements: 28 out of 54 present

A quorum is defined as a majority of voting members, including proxies, being present.

Non-Voting Members			
Organization	First Name	Last Name	Present
Rutland County Fire Mutual Aid Association	Bob	Schlacter	1
Rutland Regional Medical Center	Beth	Winter	1
Rutland Mental Health	Loree	Zeif	1
RADART	Nancee	Schaffner	1
Vermont Department of Health	Abby	Spiegelman	1
Vermont Emergency Management	Taiga	Christie	1
VT Emergency Management Association	Doug	Babcock	1
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	Steffanie	Bourque	1
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