

Rutland Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC)

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

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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.