

Brooklyn Emergency Management / HomeLand Security
Meeting Minutes
Thursday May 19, 2022, 7:00 pm

Present: Bill Skene, Richard Dvorin, John Haefele, Lou Brodeur, Aaron Soucy, Sara Deshaies, Recording Secretary

1. Lou made a motion to seat John Haefele as a voting member for the purposes of this meeting. Aaron seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Call to order at 7:06pm
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. April 21, 2022 – Lou made a motion to accepted minutes as presented. Richard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Old Business
 - a. LEOPI
 - i. Part 2 status – Almost completed. Waiting for mutual aid agreements. Part 2 can then be submitted.
 - ii. Part 3 status – Is contact information. This has been put together.
 - b. Training
 - i. WEBEOC – Trying to arrange training. Billy Wheaton and a couple others are interested.
 - ii. Statewide Exercise 5/24/2022 – Simulation drill for hurricane. Two sessions, one in the morning and one at night. Currently BEMHS is sched for am, this may change. Richard asked if it's virtual, it is.
 - c. FACEBOOK Account – Bill will send Sara the information to access and control the account.
 - d. EMPG Grant – Bill called after last meeting. It hasn't been accepted. Status is still pending.
 - e. Future projects/goals for the commission
 - i. EOC Support – Purchased a whiteboard, markers and such to get the ball rolling.
6. New Business
 - a. Recent activities
 - i. Support of COVID 19 – Today's meeting stated a 14% average increase in cases state-wide. Hospitals are seeing an increase in admissions. A few ICU cases. Majority are pre-existing conditions and elderly.
 - ii. Continued distribution of the Test kits and masks – Test kits have an expiration date that have been extended 4-6 months. They are being stored at Town Hall.
 - b. Brooklyn FAIR – Bill started a discussion with Austin. In the past, the State of CT brings in assets for security, etc. Last year Former First Selectman had the EM tent also house other things like fishing licenses, vaccinations, youth outreach, Parks & Rec, etc. Planning should start soon.
 - c. FEMA GRANTS – Sandy sent Bill something about FEMA grants that he hasn't had a chance to review. Bill will forward to Commission members for review.
 - d. Recent Storms – Nothing to report. The heat will be an issue this Summer. Discussion took place on possibly opening a cooling shelter. It was not needed last year.
 - e. Other New Business –
 - i. There is a new Director of Emergency Management for the State of CT, Wayne Turner III. A meet and greet was cancelled. He'll be out this way May 31st at Putnam Town Hall 6:00-7:30pm.
 - ii. Bill mentioned that when he was in his office recently, he noticed how outdated the publications were that he found. He will work on getting those updated. John mentioned that

the CERT brochure needs updating. It goes to a page not found. John also asked if there was an active CERT in Brooklyn. Bill brought it up at a recent regional meeting. Bill stated that Brooklyn could start its own, but it's probably best to be part of a larger group regionally.

7. Public Comment – None

8. Adjournment – John made a motion to adjourn. Richard seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Deshaies, Recording Secretary