

# **BROOKLYN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / HOMELAND SECURITY**

## **Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, April 18, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

**Clifford B. Green Meeting Center, 69 South Main Street Brooklyn, CT  
and via Zoom**

**Google Meet Joining Info:**

**Video Call Link:** <https://meet.google.com/bqk-sztb-zpx>

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## **MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order** – William Skene, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Attendance:** William Skene; Richard Dvorin; Mark Spellmon; William Wheaton, Jr. (present in person).  
Carrie Barna (present via Zoom).  
Shawn Lisee and John Haefele were absent.

**Others Present (in person)** – Austin Tanner, First Selectman, J. S. Perreault, Recording Secretary.  
There were two additional people present in the audience.

**Present via Zoom** – None.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**a. March 21, 2024, meeting**

Motion was made by M. Spellmon to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2024, as presented.

Second by R. Dvorin. No discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (5-0-0).

**3. Public Comment** – None.

**4. Old Business**

**a. Training**

Mr. Skene explained that some websites are being updated regarding Emergency Management and should be completed within the next month, then we can get some things set up. He would like to get one or two Board Members on the Web EOC.

**b. CERT Training**

Mr. Skene explained that there is no new news, but they are doing one in Coventry and are trying to do one locally.

**c. EMPG Grants**

**i. 2022 grant**

Mr. Skene explained that once he gets the needed documentation, he will meet with Colchester to get the grants completed.

**ii. 2021 grant**

Mr. Skene explained that once he gets the needed documentation, he will meet with Colchester to get the grants completed.

**iii. Supplemental 2020 Grant**

Mr. Skene explained that the paperwork has to be submitted.

**iv. 2023 Grant**

Mr. Skene explained that we are currently in the 2023 Grant and that there is no change.

**d. Future projects/goals for the Commission**

Mr. Skene explained that this is a continuing topic and if anyone has something that they feel the BEMHS should be working on, to let him know. He commented about putting things on the website.

Mr. Skene spoke of how the Facebook page is doing well and that he puts significant storm/important news information there. Carrie Barna offered to help with this.

**e. 2024 Connecticut Emergency Management Symposium 4/23/2024**

**i. Rodeo**

Mr. Skene explained that the Symposium and Rodeo are next Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Info was attached to the March 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting Minutes (available on the website). Region 4 assets will be on display (none of ours).

**f. Trauma Supplies**

Mr. Skene explained that he and Mr. Spellmon will work on this together.

**g. ARPA Grant – Radios**

Mr. Skene explained that some of the radios have already come in and others will be coming in very soon. A company in Willimantic has been doing the installations. Installations should take place this summer for all of the Town and emergency vehicles.

**5. New Business**

**a. Storms and recent activities**

Mr. Skene explained that there have been some minor storms coming through, but nothing of any significance or importance. There was discussion.

**b. Day Street**

Mr. Skene explained that Mr. Tanner is keeping the residents of Brooklyn informed on the situation on Day Street. There was supposed to be a meeting last Friday (regarding repositioning telephone poles to the other side of the street) with Eversource, Mr. Rukstela and Mr. Skene, but it was cancelled (not rescheduled as of this date).

**c. New EMPG Grant due 5/15/2024**

Mr. Skene explained about this grant (up to \$25,000 for updating EOC) and will provide information to the Board Members. There was discussion.

**d. Statewide Emergency and Planning and Preparedness Initiative 6/12/2024.**

Mr. Skene explained that, every year, they do a drill throughout the State. He will try to do it at the Town Hall (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.).

**e. Other New Business – None.**

**6. Public Comment – None.**

## **7. Adjournment**

Motion was made by W. Wheaton to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

Second by M. Spellmon. No discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault

Recording Secretary

**Next meeting Thursday, May 16, 2024 (Green Building, 69 South Main St., Brooklyn, CT, at 7 p.m.)**