

Brooklyn Emergency Management / Homeland Security Meeting

Thursday November 17, 2022, 7:00 pm

Present: Bill Skene, Aaron Soucy, Lou Brodeur, Will Wheaton, Richard Dvorin, Sandy Brodeur (7:15pm) and Sara Deshaies, Recording Secretary

1. Call to order – Bill called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. August 18, 2022 – Aaron made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Richard seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0. Sandy was not present for this motion.
3. Public Comment – None.
4. Old Business
 - a. Training
 - i. WEBEOC – Bill stated that the State is doing online training. He asked anyone he is interested to reach out to him.
 - b. CERT Training – Citizen Emergency Response Team. Training to prepare for an emergency. There is talk about having a regional CERT team to service NE CT. So, it would serve more than just Brooklyn. It is still in the development stage. Brooklyn also has an agreement with Pomfret to use Pomfret School if it's a big enough storm.
 - c. FACEBOOK Account
 - i. Web page access – Sara will work on this project and Facebook in the next week or so. She will reach out to Bill with any issues.
 - d. EMPG Grant
 - i. 2022 grant – BEMHS were told to apply for this grant. It reimburses wages, supplies, training, equipment. Bill submitted the paperwork. He continued asking when the funds would be available. He was finally told last month that unless he'd purchased anything prior to September 30th, there were no funds available. Bill will reapply.
 - e. Update publications – Bill is still working on these. They are very outdated.
 - f. Future projects/goals for the commission
 - i. EOC Support – Last meeting was in June. Bill will reach out to commission members and volunteers if it will be a significant storm.
5. New Business
 - a. Recent activities – Some storms have come through recently. Unless it will be a direct hit to Connecticut there's not much preparation to do. We do have an Eversource liaison for downed lines.
 - b. Upcoming Hurricane Season – It's almost over. Snow season is coming.
 - c. Northeast EMD Meeting 11/8/2022 – Bi-annual plan needs to be submitted soon. There was a radio check done.
 - d. Proposed 2023 Meeting schedule – All dates approved. Aaron made a motion to approve meeting dates for next year. Sandy seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.
2023 – 2024 Meeting Schedule All meetings will be held at 7 pm at the Green Building.

January 19, 2023
February 16, 2023
March 16, 2023
April 20, 2023
May 18, 2023
June 15, 2023

July 20, 2023
August 17, 2023
September 21, 2023
October 19, 2023
November 16, 2023
December 21, 2023
January 18, 2024

- e. Inventory – There is a need to take inventory at various locations.
 - f. Other New Business – December meeting cannot be held at Green building due to Parks and Recreation toy distribution. Lou made a motion to cancel December meeting. Aaron seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.
- 6. Public Comment – None.
 - 7. Adjournment – Aaron made a motion to adjourn. Richard seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Deshaies