

Brooklyn Emergency Management / Homeland Security

Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 16, 2023, 7:00 pm

Present: Bill Skene, Aaron Soucy, John Haefele, Richard Dvorin, Will Wheaton (7:04), Austin Tanner and Sara Deshaies, Recording Secretary

1. Call to order - Bill called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 19, 2023 – Aaron made a motion to accept as presented. Richard seconded. No discussion. Motion passed. Motion passed 4-0-0. Will was not yet present.
3. Public Comment - None
4. Old Business
 - a. Training
 - i. WEBEOC – No new information
 - b. CERT Training – No new information
 - c. FACEBOOK Account – Bill stated that the old page will be scratched and we will start another.
 - i. Web page access – Sara just found her notes and will begin work on it.
 - d. EMPG Grant
 - i. 2022 grant – Austin will send Bill an email he received regarding the 2022 grant.
 - e. Update publications – Bill has some contacts and will work on that. He's hoping to have new publications to hand out starting in June.
 - f. Future projects/goals for the commission
 - i. Inventory – Bill started to review and found that there is very little inventory. He will put a list together of what should be procured. He also asked for suggestions from the Commission. There was discussion of what should be included for emergencies.
 - g. winter season – It is non-existent so far. Brush fires are more of a worry right now. Bill is meeting with Eversource on Tuesday.
 - h. LESOP due in 2024 – State of Connecticut will provide \$5,000 in assistance to finish this.
 - i. ARPA Grant – Bill submitted a request for funds for new radios and it was accepted. That will be moving forward soon.
5. New Business
 - a. Recent activities – Not much. Unless there is a longer freeze than what occurred a couple weeks ago people don't want to leave their houses.
 - b. Reunification Drill at the School – There is another coming up. It will be modified based on feedback and observations from last month.
 - c. Budget 2023 to 2024- Submitted to the Town. No increase was requested. Bill asked the Commission to reach out with suggestions for purchases.
 - d. Other New Business – None.
6. Public Comment – None.
7. Adjournment Lou made a motion to adjourn. Richard seconded. Meeting adjourned 7:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Deshaies,
Recording Secretary