

**Brooklyn Emergency Management/Homeland Security  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday March 16, 2023 at 7pm  
Clifford B. Green Meeting Center Suite 24, 69 South Street Brooklyn, CT**

**Present:** Bill Skene, Lou Brodedur, Richard Dvorin, Will Wheaton, Sandy Brodeur, and Sara Deshaies, Recording Secretary

**Also Present:** Austin Tanner

- 1) Call to Order – Bill called the meeting to order at 7:03pm
- 2) Approved minutes
  - a. February 16,2023 – Richard made a motion to accept minutes as presented. Will seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.
- 3) Public Comment - None
- 4) Old Business
  - a. Training
    - i. WEBEOC – Normally there would be a meeting with NE Regional but weather cancelled. No new information yet.
  - b. CERT Training – Same as above.
  - c. FACEBOOK Account – Bill and Sara will work on a new page and have it operational before next meeting.
  - d. EMPG Grant
    - i. 2022 Grant – Bill has reached out with no reply yet.
  - e. Updated Publication – Bill did find the website to update publications soon.
  - f. Future Projects - None
  - g. Winter Season – Mild so far. Inventory is minimal. Need to review.
  - h. LESOP Due in 2024 – Bill will start working on that soon.
  - i. ARPA Grant status – Purchase of new high band radios proposal was accepted, and Bill has been in touch with J&S radios. Bill will meet with two Chiefs about what is needed. Lou asked if it replaces the two current radio systems we have. Bill said it does not. Contract with the State is only 75-80 radios allowed with CTS. Brooklyn is at 60+.
- 5) New Business
  - a. Recent Activities – Some snow but not much. Regional meeting was postponed. Training on April 22 in Norwich from Red Cross on shelter training.
  - b. Budget 2023 to 2024 – Submitted. No word yet. Lou thinks they approved it last week.
- 6) Other New Business – Generators. Will Wheaton stated that an officer was supposed to present a request for trauma supplies. He instead asked Will to present the request. Trauma kits that go into larger bags. The commission agrees with the idea and would like more information. The idea is to order several of each and see what items are involved.
- 7) Public Comment – David Costa had a special needs registration request. Bill stated that Eversource has a list of everyone in Town that has a special power request. It doesn't go through the Town anymore. Sandy stated that RI has a great emergency response plan. Bill will look into it.
- 8) Adjournment – Lou made a motion to adjourn. Will seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Deshaies,  
Recording Secretary