

**Brooklyn Emergency Management / Homeland Security
Meeting Minutes
Thursday April 20, 2023, 7:00 pm
Clifford B. Green Meeting Center Suite 24, 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT**

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

Also Present: Austin Tanner

1. Call to order – Bill called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 16,-2023 – Bill asked for a correction to minutes under Other New Business: Generators was not a developed conversation. Lou made a motion to accept as amended. Seconded by Richard. Motion passed 6-0-0.
3. Public Comment - None
4. Old Business
 - a. Training
 - i. Red Cross Shelter Training 4/22/2023 – Richard is signed up and will report back next month. Bill will not be able to make it. He has scheduling conflict.
 - ii. RTIP Plan training – Will attended Readiness Training Identification Preparedness training last month and it was very helpful. There was a lot of scenarios. It taught the attendees how to look at their response guidelines and identify gaps. His group picked the Gold Star Bridge as a scenario. Traffic divergence, multi-agency response. Also looking at past events using after action reports to identify gaps. Will would like to attend more trainings like this.
 - iii. Pandemic tabletop exercise May 18th via Zoom.
 - iv. June 13th 8am to 4pm is flood awareness training at East CT Fire School in Willimantic.
 - b. CERT Training – No regional meeting recently to discuss regional training.
 - c. FACEBOOK Account – Nothing really going on. Bill will work on it.
 - d. EMPG Grant
 - i. 2022 grant - Nothing
 - e. Update publications – Coming soon
 - f. Future projects/goals for the commission – Bill asked the commission to come to him with any ideas.
 - g. Trauma Supplies – Will presented the trauma kit he mentioned last month. The hope is 10 kits for East Brooklyn, 10 kits for Mortlake. They can be personalized based on Town needs. The cost is between \$60 and \$120 each based on what is included.
 - h. Special Need Registration request forms – It's still on the website. May need some edits. The idea is that a resident could complete the form and then emergency responders would know who is in critical need.
 - i. LESOP due in 2024 – Bill called the State and asked for the paperwork. It will be provided when available. It will probably will need a few updates from last year.
 - j. ARPA Grant – Bill met with the two Chiefs. They are happy with the quantity of radios. Waiting for a form from ARPA Committee to complete.
 - k. Budget 2023 to 2024 – Budget was approved.
5. New Business

- a. Recent activities – No activity in the last month. Due to the radio upgrade and agreement with the State of Connecticut, Bill is now attending an additional monthly meeting on radios. There was discussion about the large brush fire in Rhode Island. RI requested water tankers from Connecticut. Tankers came from Clinton, Westbrook, etc. to Exeter, RI. Avon and Canton as well. It was odd that they were from that far away from a communications standpoint.
 - b. Other New Business - None.
6. Public Comment – None.
7. Adjournment – Lou made a motion to adjourn. Richard seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Deshaies,
Recording Secretary