

BROOKLYN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / HOMELAND SECURITY

Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 19, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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

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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 (present in person).
John Haefele and William Wheaton, Jr. were absent with notice.
Lou Brodeur, Sandra Brodeur and Shawn Lisee were present via Zoom.

Others Present (in person) – Austin Tanner, First Selectman.
There were no members of the public present in the audience.

Motion was made by L. Brodeur to seat Alternate Members Sandra Brodeur and Shawn Lisee as Regular Voting Members for this meeting in the absence of John Haefele and William Wheaton Jr.
Second by R. Dvorin. No discussion.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (3-0-0).

Mr. Skene introduced Alternate Member, Shawn Lisee.

Mr. Skene commented about the possibility that Alternate Member, Shawn Lisee, may be elevated to Regular Member status.

Members of the Public Present via Zoom – None.

- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. August 17, 2023**

Motion was made by L. Brodeur to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2023, 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**

- i. 2023 Statewide Emergency planning and preparedness 10/14 or 10/18**

Mr. Skene explained that the drill took place yesterday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The scenario for Brooklyn: a truck, carrying Sulphur dioxide, overturned on Gorman Road next to the School. He said that he got some interesting ideas from this training. He will speak with Mr.

Tanner about reverse 911. Mr. Skene will coordinate with the School Superintendent regarding reunification drills which he will put on the Emergency Operation Plan.

There was discussion during the drill regarding traffic control because, in the event of an emergency/disaster, parents will try to get to the School to get their children, which could also cause a disaster.

He also explained that, in this scenario, the plume of Sulphur dioxide headed toward Creamery Brook and Pierce and the Fairgrounds. He explained that the same reunification plan would be used as for the School.

Mr. Skene explained that BEMHS Members would be alerted.

Mr. Skene noted that if there were a disaster that took out the Schools, those are our shelters other than the Green Building.

b. CERT Training

Mr. Skene was unable to attend last month's meeting of the Northeast Emergency Managers – no report. The next meeting should be in early November.

c. EMPG Grant

i. 2022 grant

Mr. Skene reported that they are in the process of filing the 2022 grant.

ii. 2021 grant

Mr. Skene reported that the 2021 grant is completed and all necessary paperwork has been filed. He will check with Shelley Cates regarding whether any money has been received.

iii. Supplemental 2020 Grant

Mr. Skene reported that the 2020 Supplemental Grant is for the Emergency Operation Plan which has to be done by January.

iv. 2023 Grant – No report.

d. Future projects/goals for the Commission

Mr. Skene commented that he is open for ideas that could be discussed.

e. Trauma Supplies

Mr. Skene explained that he spoke with Ray Wood. Mr. Skene will check with Shelley Cates to find out how much money is left in the budget (one kit can treat 50 people). He would like to get one kit for each Fire Department. The following are links to the trauma kit information:

<https://www.mountainmanmedical.com/product/the-mass-casualty-trauma-kit/>

<https://www.narescue.com/mass-crisis-incident-kit-red.html>

f. LESOP due 01/2024

Mr. Skene hopes to have the Emergency Management Plan ready for next month's meeting, for review by the Members.

g. ARPA Grant – Radios

Purchase Orders were signed by Mr. Tanner and Shelley Cates was to send them to J & S Communication.

h. Brooklyn Fair

i. Review of fair activity

Mr. Skene explained that something had occurred at the Washington County Fair in Rhode Island. There were so many people there that they closed the Fair down and wouldn't let anymore people in. Traffic/parking was a disaster – they only have one little road in / one little road out. Emergency vehicles wouldn't be able to get in or out. Mr. Skene worked with Chief Breen of Mortlake Fire Department and representatives from the Brooklyn Fair to prevent this from happening in Brooklyn. He said that it went well with no major issues.

Mr. Skene explained that one thing that did happen, is the loss of cell phone service (Verizon cell service crashed). He explained that the 16 cell phones they were given were not preprogrammed to anybody's cell phone which proved to be a problem. Next year, they will get the phones ahead of time and program them in with the important people in Town, so they will at least have phone service.

5. New Business

a. Storms and recent activities

Mr. Skene reported that none of the storm alerts affected us. We are now gearing up for winter storms.

b. Northeast EMD Meeting 09/12/2023

See report above Agenda Item 4.b.

c. Proposed meeting schedule 2024

Motion was made by R. Dvorin to accept the Brooklyn Emergency Management/Homeland Security 2024 Schedule of Regular Meeting Dates.

Second by S. Lisee. No discussion.

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

d. Other New Business – None.

6. Public Comment – None.

7. Adjournment

Motion was made by R. Dvorin to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

Second by L. Brodeur. No discussion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary

Next meeting Thursday November 16, 2023 (Green Building, 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT, at 7 p.m.)