

# BROOKLYN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / HOMELAND SECURITY

## Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 15, 2024, 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 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** William Skene; Richard Dvorin; John Haefele; Mark Spellmon (present in person).  
Carrie Barna and William Wheaton, Jr. (present via Zoom).  
Shawn Lisee was absent.

**Others Present (in person)** – Austin Tanner, First Selectman, J. S. Perreault, Recording Secretary.

**Present via Zoom** – Sharon Hawes.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**a. January 18, 2024**

Motion was made by R. Dvorin approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2023, as presented.

Second by J. Haefele. No discussion.

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

**3. Public Comment** – None.

**4. Old Business**

**a. Training**

Mr. Skene stated that there is not much going on at this time and that he is waiting for information.

**b. CERT Training**

Mr. Skene explained that they are trying to form a regional training class. He will forward information as it becomes available. There was discussion regarding warming/cooling shelters and cost sharing/outsourcing. Next meeting of the Northeast Regional EMD's is March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**c. EMPG Grants**

**i. 2022 grant**

Mr. Skene stated that the 2022 grant has been signed-off and approved. He has to submit paperwork for reimbursement.

**ii. 2021 grant**

Mr. Skene has to speak with Shelley Cates about whether anything was received on the 2021 grant.

**iii. Supplemental 2020 Grant**

Mr. Skene explained that the supplemental grant (Emergency Operations Plan) was submitted timely, but it was returned for corrections. He will try to get it re-submitted, with corrections, this week.

**iv. 2023 Grant**

Mr. Skene stated that the only thing on the 2023 grant is reimbursement for wages.

**d. Future projects/goals for the Commission**

Mr. Skene asked that the Members let him know if they have any ideas.

**e. Trauma Supplies**

Mr. Skene explained that about a year ago there was a suggestion to get one kit for each Fire Department. He got information from Ray at VinTech to make the purchase.

**f. LESOP**

Mr. Skene explained that this is the Local Emergency Operations Plan (Supplemental 2020 Grant) – see above Item 4.c.iii.

**g. ARPA Grant – Radios**

Mr. Skene stated that he did not have an update. He explained that they had applied for \$274,000 for radios for the Fire Departments, Ambulance and the Town vehicles. They will all be able to be on the same radio frequency. He believes the radios were ordered last month and should be here in the spring/early summer. He had to make some cuts due to price increase.

**5. New Business**

**a. Storms and recent activities**

**i. Nor'easter 2/13/2024**

There was discussion regarding how the storm was not as bad as had been predicted.

**b. 2024 to 2025 Budget proposal.**

Mr. Skene explained that his budget proposal is not really different than for prior years, just a small increase.

**c. 2024 Connecticut Emergency Management Symposium 4/23/2024**

Mr. Skene explained that he will be attending this event for EMD's which will be held at the National Guard Camp in Niantic.

**d. Other New Business**

- Mr. Dvorin mentioned that there will be a meeting regarding the Memorial Day Parade on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- Mr. Tanner explained that the Green Building was closed today due to wiring being installed for the new generator.

**6. Public Comment – None.**

**7. Adjournment**

Motion was made by R. Dvorin to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.

Second by C. Barna. No discussion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault  
Recording Secretary

**Next meeting Thursday, March 21, 2024 (Green Building, 69 South Main St., Brooklyn, CT, at 7 p.m.)**