

# LEPC #12

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



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**June 20, 2019  
Royalton State Police Barracks  
Royalton, VT**

Attendees: Stacy Garciadealba, Mark Warner, Gidget Lyman, Mark Belisle, Brad Salzmann, Bruce Martin, Alex Northern, Russell Ashe, Lance Colby, Joe Truss, Jack Schoenberg, Heather Rigney, Regina Cooper, Lt. Barb Kessler, Brenda Field, and Tory Littlefield.

1. Call to order at 6:02 p.m. Mark Warner presided. Introductions were made.

2. Election of Officers

The proposed slate of LEPC12 officers are as follows:

Chair – Bruce Martin

Vice Chair – Mark Belisle

Treasurer – Brad Salzmann

Secretary – Tim Caulfield

A motion was made by Jack Schoenberg and seconded by Alex Northern to accept the nominated slate of officers. All approved. A thank you was given to Mark Warner for seven years as LEPC12 chair.

3. Approval of minutes for 4/18/2019

A motion was made by Tim Caulfield and seconded by Alex Northern to approve the minutes of 4/18/2019. All approved.

4. Action on TRORC Invoice of \$5,813.17

The costs incurred in this invoice included TRORC's management of the LEPC, processing Tier II reports, planning tabletop exercise for Royalton and Norwich, and conducting the exercise with Norwich. Royalton's is schedule for September.

A motion was made by Alex Northern and seconded by Gidget Lyman to approve the TRORC invoice in the amount of \$5,813.17. All approved.

5. Action on TRORC Services for FY20

A motion was made by Mark Belisle and seconded by Brad Salzmann to contract with TRORC for FY20 to manage the LEPC. All approved.

6. Action on LEPC12 Member list

Tory stated there still needs some tweaking to the list, but she will do that after the meeting and send to SERC for approval.

A motion was made by Jack Schoenberg and seconded by Tim Caulfield to accept the member

list with corrections. All approved.

7. Treasurers Report

Brad Salzman stated as of April 30<sup>th</sup> there is \$5 in the account.

8. Quechee Gorge Safety Improvements

Regina Cooper gave a presentation on the work she and her husband have done since 2011 to get safety improvements implemented at the Quechee Gorge Bridge, which is a frequent site of suicides. Improvements include expanding the sidewalk, installing permanent fencing, fixing the structure of the bridge, and expanding sidewalks. Construction is expected to begin in 2021 and last two years. See attached presentation for more information, or go to <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/projects/quechee>.

9. CERT Update and Action

Tory Littlefield and Brad Salzman met with a FEMA representation, Brett LaRose from VEM, and other CERT teams in the state to get a feel of what support is out there for CERT nationally and locally. After this meeting it appeared there is no support for CERTs in Vermont, and that relatively active CERTs in southern Vermont are struggling. Tory spoke with Brett after the fact and was told that if the CERT was dissolved the state takes the equipment and trailer. CERT is still technically not a registered team and there are no members. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alex Northern and seconded by Tim Caulfield to dissolve the CERT team and equipment. There were 7 ayes, 6 np's, and 1 abstention. The ayes had the majority and the CERT equipment will be relinquished to the state.

Tory and Brad warned that none of the equipment is to be taken as the state has the list of what is in there, and if something is missing the LEPC will have to pay the state back.

10. Other Business/Upcoming Training

- a. Tory suggested moving the next meeting to August 22, as she will be away on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone agreed.
- b. Tory had some other updates. The statewide CAT X exercise is to take place at the end of October. There is a Community Recovery training in July at the SEOC. A reminder to get LEMPs to her as soon as possible as it affects ERAF status and we are now in the rainy season. The April 15<sup>th</sup> rain event became a federally declared disaster and the applicant briefings will take place next week, June 25<sup>th</sup> is in Bethel at 10 a.m.
- c. Tory Littlefield has been nominated as the VAPDA representative to the SERC.
- d. The Vermont EM Conference will take place in September at Lake Morey again, registration is now open.
- e. VDART now has more clear instructions on how they are activated on their website due to an incident in Tunbridge where they had trouble contacting VDART.

11. The meeting adjourned at 7:35. Motion made by Tim Caulfield and seconded by Bruce Martin. All approved.

The next meeting will be at the Norwich Safety Complex on August 22, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Tory Littlefield for Tim Caulfield, LEPC Secretary