

Local Emergency Planning Committee
1 John F Kennedy Memorial Drive
Braintree, MA 02184

Meeting Minutes
September 27th, 2022

Attendees

Robert Millette, BEMA
Claire Duffy, Public Health
Ben Hulke, DPW
Brandon Hitchings, BELD
Kate Naughton, Mayor's Office

James Espinoza, OSHA
Steve Wallace, BPD
David Medina, Clean Harbors
Joseph Bracken, BELD

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:04 AM

Minutes From Previous Meeting

Rob Millette asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the previous meeting of June 28th, 2022 and asked for a motion for approval. A motion to approve was made by Steve Wallace and a second to the motion was made by Kate Naughton. All were in favor of approving the meeting minutes as written.

Discussions

OLD BUSINESS

None

New Business

Grant Mitigation Activities

Rob Millette reports that BEMA had applied for the CERT grant, to purchase additional supplies, safety gear and shelter supplies. No other grants at this time.

Clerk Nomination

Election for the position of Clerk of the LEPC required for this meeting. A yearly vote is called for in the By-Laws. Call for nominations. Robert Millette was nominated by Kate Naughton. Chairman Pistorino seconds. Additional nominations called for; none were made. Vote for Robert Millette for Clerk of the LEPC was unanimous.

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Communication Update: Motorola Implementation

Steve Wallace informs the committee that the town received a 500,000 dollar grant to improve communications systems. The schools and school buses are being updated with new radios and a ultra-high frequency (UHF) repeater. There have been some delays due to supply issues. Steve Wallace continued to describe the microwave communications system that will allow for town wide communications and discussed the grant the town received for the renovation of the old Water Building into a state of the art 911 Dispatch center. BEMA's new Kenwood radios were discussed with BEMA now capable of P25 and Digital Mobile Radio communications.

Weymouth Compressor Station

Discussion led by Chairman Pistorino, discusses the unreleased evacuation plan, ICS format, Police and Fire Standard Operating Guidelines and Hazmat info as a solid base for Braintree's response to any emergency.

Any other Business

None

Residents in attendance

Councilor Elizabeth Maglio

Michael Lang

Resident Discussion on Compressor Station

Councilor Maglio begins discussion by thanking police and fire for speaking at the prior council meeting. Discussed situations that are possible with compressor station issues and Braintree's response. Chairman Pistorino discusses Braintree fire not being early on the call list due to our location and the inability to use the Fore River Bridge, needing to go through Weymouth to get to the station. Other towns such as Hingham would be called first. Traffic issues with the bridge will not be as bad as a situation in which the bridge gets stuck in the up position due to detours created. When the bridge is stuck, additional traffic is not prevented from entering the area. During an emergency, access to the area would be blocked, preventing added traffic from accessing the area. Discussion on remote shut down of the system, and whether or not it works. Discussion about corporations covering leaks up, residents reporting them, needs determination of which government entities have oversight of local hazmat issues. Chairman Pistorino states it depends on the industry. Michael Long discusses Federal agencies passing the buck on safety, FERC and PHMSA both claiming safety belongs to other agencies.

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Next Meeting

TBD

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn was made by Kate Naughton.
Second to adjourn was made by Steve Wallace.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:54 AM