

State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Location: Department of Public Safety
45 State Drive, Second Floor
Waterbury, VT 05671-1300

SERC Members Attending

- Tim Cropley – Agency of Natural Resources Seat (Designee for Secretary Julie Moore)
- Chris Bell –Department of Health Seat (Designee for Commissioner Dr. Mark Levine)
- Ray Allen – Law Enforcement Seat
- Mary Lamson – Proxy for Shaun Coleman – Regional Planning Commission Seat
- Prescott Nadeau – EMS Seat
- Robert Gowans – Fire Service Seat
- Kim Lapiere – Reporting Transportation Entity Seat
- Todd Cosgrove - Chair – Department of Public Safety Seat (Designee for Commissioner Thomas Anderson)
- Josh Cox – Non-Voting Member – Secretary, SERC Vice-Chair (Designee for Director Erica Bornemann)

Vacant Seats (awaiting appointment by Governor):

- Extremely Hazardous Substances Reporter Seat
- Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) Seat
- Local Government Seat

SERC Members (or Seats) Absent

- John Berino – Hospitals Seat
- Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets Seat (Designee for Secretary Anson Tebbetts)
- Department of Labor Seat (Designee for Commissioner Lindsay Kurrle)
- Agency of Transportation Seat (Designee for Secretary Joe Flynn)

Call to Order - Todd Cosgrove, Chair 10:02 AM
Additions or Deletions to the Agenda – None
Introductions

Public Comments -

None

Presentation by Director Chris Bell with the Vermont Department of Health on Fentanyl, Opiates, & First Responders' concerns when responding to any type of incident involving a release of either, whether in an industrial/EHS facility setting or not.

Motion: Approval of November 15, 2017 SERC Meeting Minutes –

A motion was made to approve the November 15, 2017 SERC Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded – Unanimously approved.

Motion: Vote on SERC Vice Chair –

A motion was made nominating Josh Cox as SERC Vice Chair. The motion was seconded – Unanimously approved.

SERC Chair Todd Cosgrove with the Vermont Hazardous Materials Response Team (VHMRT) reported out on the VHMRT report detailing activity for the period 11/01/2017 to 01/31/2018.

SERC Chair Cosgrove also reported out on Community Right To Know/Tier II reporting he has received thus far.

Jason Gosselin with Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) reported out on the VEM Watch Officer calls for the period of 11/01/2017 to 01/31/2018.

Tim Cropley with the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) reported out on the activity of the ANR Spill Team for the period of 11/01/2017 to 01/31/2018.

Committee Reports

Finance Subcommittee report – Department of Public Safety (DPS) Finance provided a brief update of where FY'18 funding stands on what reporting is still required from some specific LEPCs. Kim Lapierre (SERC Finance Subcommittee Chair) reported out on recent activity of the subcommittee. A workshop was hosted by this subcommittee on February 12, 2018 where LEPCs were educated on best practices for applying for FY'19 Hazchem funding.

A suggestion was made from a member of the public that the SERC Finance Subcommittee send out a letter to LEPCs by June/July to ask for their input into the FY'20 budget creation process for the Hazchem fund.

Update by Chief Peter Lynch on 2017 activity the Vermont Fire Academy conducted.

SERC/LEPC Subcommittee report - Prescott Nadeau reported out on the first meeting of the SERC/LEPC Liaison Subcommittee. The direction is that this subcommittee will provide guidance to the LEPCs on what reporting the SERC is looking for.

Motion: Approval of LEPC 9 roster –

Motion, and seconded – Approved as submitted.

There was some discussion about holding future SERC meetings in different locations throughout the state. LEPC 2 – Rutland County was decided upon as the next location for May 16, 2018 SERC Regular Meeting. Exact meeting location will be warned at a later date.

SERC Chair Todd Cosgrove instructed SERC members to think about SERC Subcommittees that need to be formed to do various tasks, such as a by-law subcommittee or a subcommittee to create a process for how potential members of the SERC are selected and recommended to the Governor for appointment. This discussion will be tabled until the May 16, 2018 SERC Regular Meeting.

Motion: Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the SERC meeting. The motion was seconded – Unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:53 AM

Next Regular Meeting: **Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.**

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