



STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC)

FINAL Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 8, 2021

Location: Virtual / Vermont Emergency Management Offices, Waterbury

1. Call to Order - Chair, Kim Lapierre, called the meeting to order at 11:00
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda – none
3. Roll Call – included below.

Name & Seat	Present	Absent
Kim Lapierre, Chair - Transportation Entity Reporting Chemicals	X	
Erica Bornemann, Secretary – Vermont Emergency Management	X	
Patrick McLaughlin - Department of Public Safety	X	
Tim Cropley - Agency of Natural Resources	X	
Andy Shively - Agency of Transportation	X	
Department of Health		X
Annie MacMillan - Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets	X	
Dan Whipple - Department of Labor	X	
Mike Desrochers – Division of Fire Safety	X	
Carl Rogers - Local Government		X
Erik Rosenbauer - Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)		X
Victoria Littlefield - Regional Planning Commission (RPC)	X	
Christopher Dube - Fire Service	X	
Law Enforcement (vacant)		
Prescott Nadeau - Emergency Medical Service (EMS)		X
Kate Hammond – Hospitals		X
Entity Reporting Extremely Hazardous Substances (vacant)		

Members of the public: Josh Cox, Glenn Herrin, Phil Marquette, Allison Strohl, Rhonda Camley, Christine Forde, Charles Colley, Jon DeLaBruere, Caleb Gefken, Grace Vinson, Emily Harris, Krista Houk, Scott Jobeless, Wayne Lalicon, Gabriel Palazzi

4. Public Comments – (Chair, Kim Lapierre) - none

5. LEPC Transition items:

a. Adoption of a resolution that the 13 LEPCs are dissolved. Erica Bornemann reviewed a change in statute (20 V.S.A. § 32) supporting a single statewide Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). With dissolution the current LEPCs should not incur additional costs but may still file for reimbursement. An issue the Department of Public Safety (DPS) will provide guidance on is disposition of remaining any remaining funds and assets. Motion by Victoria Littlefield, second by Pat McLaughlin: **all 13 LEPCs are dissolved and all DPS requests for reimbursement should be in to DPS by July 30, 2021.** Motion passes unanimously. Rhonda Camley requested that LEPCs be reminded to turn in treasurer reports as soon as possible to help DPS finance gauge assets remaining.

b. Adoption of LEPC Charter & Bylaws. Kim Lapierre presented the draft charter and bylaws to establish the one statewide LEPC and there was discussion about the purpose, implementation timeline, and a wording change in the bylaws. Motion by Victoria Littlefield, second by Erica Bornemann: **to adopt the LEPC Charter as it stands drafted.** Motion passes unanimously. Motion by Victoria Littlefield, second by Erica Bornemann: **to adopt LEPC bylaws with the change suggested by Erica Bornemann.** Motion passed unanimously.

c. Directing the LEPC/SERC Liaison Committee to implement and make appointments to the statewide LEPC until the statewide LEPC can meet for the first time. The members discussed how to represent Regional Emergency Management Committees (REMCs) while they are being created. Motion by Victoria Littlefield, second by Erica Bornemann: **direct the SERC LEPC Liaison Committee to appoint RPC representatives as the interim REMC representatives, contingent on VAPTA approval.** Motion passed unanimously.

d. Setting up the initial meeting(s) schedule for the statewide LEPC. The LEPC Liaison committee will coordinate the initial LEPC meeting, to be scheduled in September or October, once initial voting members are determined.

6. Adjourn. Tory Littlefield moved to adjourn, Erica Bornemann seconded: Kim Lapierre adjourned the meeting at 1153.

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. in the Vermont Emergency Management office space in Waterbury.

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