



State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Location: Agency of Transportation

2178 Airport Rd, Barre, VT 05641

SERC Members Attending

- Todd Cosgrove - Chair – Department of Public Safety Seat (Designee for Commissioner Thomas Anderson) – Commission as Chair Expires November 30, 2019
- Todd Sears – Vice Chair – Agency of Transportation Seat (Designee for Secretary Joe Flynn)
- Prescott Nadeau – Williston Fire Department - EMS Seat - Three Year Term Expires: November 30, 2019
- Erica Bornemann - Vermont Emergency Management
- Kim Lapiere – Suburban Propane - Reporting Transportation Entity Seat - Three Year Term Expires: November 30, 2019
- Erik Rosenbauer – Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) Seat - Three Year Term Expires: November 30, 2020
- John Berino – University of Vermont Medical Center - Hospitals Seat - Three Year Term Expires: November 30, 2019
- Ray Allen – Grand Isle Sheriff's Department - Law Enforcement Seat - Three Year Term Expires: November 30, 2019
- Dan Whipple – Department of Labor Seat (Designee for Commissioner Lindsay Kurrle)
- Anne Macmillan/Linda Boccuzzo - Agency of Agriculture, Food, & Markets Seat (Designee for Secretary Tebbetts)
- Tim Copley - Agency of Natural Resources Seat (Designee for Secretary Julie Moore)
- Carl Rogers – Town of Barre - Local Government Seat - Three Year Term Expires: November 30, 2020
- Glenn Herrin – Secretary - Vermont Emergency Management (Designee for Director Erica Bornemann)

SERC Members Absent

- Chris Bell –Department of Health Seat (Designee for Commissioner Dr. Mark Levine)
- Robert Gowans – Montpelier Fire Department - Fire Service Seat - Three Year Term Expires: November 30, 2019



Vacant SERC Seats

- Vacant Seat - Regional Planning Commission Seat
- Vacant Seat - Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) Reporter Seat

Interested Persons Attending

- Rhonda Camley – Department of Public Safety
- Peter Lynch - Vermont Fire Academy
- Leonard Wallace – Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Bob Schlachter - Rutland LEPC 2
- Shaun Coleman – Vermont Association of Planning & Development Agencies (VAPDA)

1. Call to Order - Todd Cosgrove, Chair - 10:02 AM
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda – Video from Kim Lapierre, Emergency Preparedness: Findings from CSB Accident Investigations (link sent to members: <https://youtu.be/R2Ez7lkjg1Y>)
3. Public Comments – None.
4. Minutes. **Motion:** Approval of January 30, 2019 SERC Meeting Minutes – Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. **Motion passed unanimously.**
5. Hazchem Grants – The Department of Public Safety Finance Section staff reported on balances of LEPCs and the status of executed award agreements for FY19. **Motion:** Send out a letter to get back the unspent funds from Bennington LEPC for redistribution among current and active LEPCs, or submit a spend plan and financial activity report from the last 5 years within 60 days of receipt of the letter. **Motion passed unanimously.**
6. Community Right To Know/Tier II & Vermont Hazardous Materials Response Team Report – As submitted.
7. ANR Spill Team Report - As submitted.
8. Committee Reports –
 - a. Finance Committee –



- i. The SERC Finance Committee is discussing HAZCHEM grant notices and would like to include a clear description of allowable equipment purchases.
 - ii. The SERC Finance Committee would like to deconflict Tier II mapping funding between LEPCs, Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs), and other response agencies.
 - iii. The SERC Finance Committee would like more SERC members to participate in their meetings to see how to go about funding by a step method - base funding for all, increased funding for active LEPCs - which would require a statute change. Reference SERC email to Dep. Commissioner Herrick.
 - iv. FY20 funding remains at \$59,000; a request for increasing the FY21 budget to \$120,000 will have to get in by August. **Motion:** Schedule a meeting for April, subject to availability of legal review, to discuss modernizing Title 20 reference to reflect what the SERC wants to achieve. **Motion approved.**
 - b. LEPC Liaison –
 - i. The SERC Chair appointed Chris Bell, who expressed interest, as the new Chair of the LEPC Liaison Committee.
 - ii. Peter Lynch reported on activities of the Vermont Fire Academy (VFA).
9. SERC Action Items.
- a. LEPC 2 did not meet in January because of a snowstorm. The leaders will meet on February 27th and recommend how to proceed to the rest of LEPC 2 at their meeting in March.
 - b. Lenny (EPA) is looking for volunteers to test an electronic Tier II report. EPA is beginning outreach to ice rinks and a pilot program for enforcement for (suspected) ammonia facilities.
 - c. The SERC should address letter from Tim Bouton about LEPC concerns.
10. Next meeting date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 should be the next SERC Regular Meeting date; 10 AM – 12 PM. The location of this meeting will be the VTrans Dill building in Berlin.
11. Adjournment. **Motion:** Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the SERC meeting. The motion was seconded – **Unanimously approved.** Meeting adjourned at 11:53 AM.

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