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 Lapierre – 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.


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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