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Mighty Londonderry
Community Resilience Organization
Minutes - October 11, 2016
Twitchell Building

Attendees: Bruce Frauman, Jennifer Probst, Kevin Beattie, Dick Dale

Meeting called to order by Bruce Frauman at 6:01 pm.

2. Minutes of meeting of September 13, 2016 were approved.

3. Regarding setting Flood Brook School up as an emergency shelter, Kevin reported that David Muse of the Red Cross said the Red Cross no longer supports local shelters. People in need of shelter are expected to go to Rutland or Bennington, a situation Kevin told Muse was impractical. Muse said he would “see what he could do” to provide cots and blankets. Otherwise Kevin would order all needed supplies from the Vermont Emergency Operations Center. <Where would the funds come from?>

Kevin is confused about what support we might get from the Red Cross. He expects to gain some clarity from a LEPC-6 meeting Nov. 15 at the Putney Fire Department. The topic is Red Cross Sheltering. Kevin, Jennifer and George all plan to attend.

Kevin and Jennifer expect to attend a state-wide Emergency Management conference at Lake Moree on Nov. 4 & 5.

After the conference, in early December or January, Mighty Londonderry will host a meeting of the two fire chiefs, local ministers, Oliver Olsen, Duane Hart (Londonderry Road Foreman), EMD’s from adjoining towns, and leadership representatives from the rescue squad, Flood Brook School, Neighborhood Connections, the Community Partnership, Clark’s (as a potential provider of food in an emergency), the State police, and any others we think of. The subject will be emergency management, Flood Brook as a local shelter, emergency contacts, Londonderry’s Emergency Operations Plan and the chain of command in an emergency. Kevin would also like to generate a list of who needs to be contacted in a long term power outage. Kevin noted that the fire chiefs have incident command experience, but may not have experience with emergency management. Anybody not “up to speed” would have trouble with communication in an emergency when daily reports are required.

4. Regarding the town plan update, Dick Dale said there is nothing materially new. The Planning Commission is working with the Conservation Commission on a website.

5. Bruce Frauman gave a presentation to the Community Partners’ meeting held at

9:30 on Oct. 11. He gave a brief history of Mighty Londonderry and mentioned the town's email list and the Londonderry Community Forum as means of communication in an emergency. Someone mentioned a county resilience plan which Jennifer (?) said might be a Windham Regional Commission template for resiliency which Susan Mann will forward to her. Regina suggested putting the contact information at the back of the form where one asks to be contacted. That way people might be more likely to fill out the rest of the form. Kevin said he does not need statistical information about who needs what, but specifics of who these people are. Only 3 of the 37 respondents to the inventory indicated a need. Dick will provide Kevin with a data base of information gathered from the inventory. Tom Cavanaugh said he would be interested in knowing how Neighborhood Connections fits into an emergency management plan.

6. Jennifer is now on the CRO Board of Directors. She said Mighty Londonderry has a good reputation at the state level. Only about half the CRO's are active. CRO is in a no funding situation at the moment, so support to town groups is very limited. There is no particular mandate from the state to the local groups. The CRO annual meeting is Dec. 14.

7. Bruce added possible VCF Small and Inspiring Grants to the agenda because someone on the Londonderry Community Forum mentioned the possibility of such a grant for Londonderry. He has looked into it, and at present, we have no applicable projects. Perhaps this will change after the emergency management meeting.

8. Kevin will ask the participants at the emergency management meeting their opinion of Londonderry joining VT Alert. If we decide we want to join, Kevin and Bruce will approach the Select Board for approval. He said VT Alert must approve of any towns joining the operation.

9. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 6:00 pm at the Twitchell Building.

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.