

Mighty Londonderry
(Londonderry Community Resilience Organization)
Minutes – March 8, 2016
Twitchel Building (Londonderry Town Office Building)

Called to order at 5:35 pm by Bruce.

Attending: Bruce Frauman and Dick Dale.
Kevin Beattie arrived at 5:55

1. Dick moved to accept agenda with the addition of discussion about the Planning Commission from Dick and the CRO virtual meeting from Bruce. Bruce Seconded. Passed unanimously.
2. Dick moved to approve minutes of the February 9 meeting. Bruce seconded. Bruce corrected the name Holt (not Holtz). Passed unanimously.
3. Dick said he and Gale Kohlberg handed out about 165 Core Data forms at Town Meeting on March 1. He received back 38 filled out forms. He did say the collection place was not clear. Many people said they would not fill out the form for several reasons: they are on the fire department or rescue squad, so don't feel a need; they don't want to fill the form out; their personal information is nobody else's business; or they applauded the idea of planning for preparedness, yet had done fine in other emergencies. Of the filled out responses, many expressed a potential need for help with removing trees that might fall on their property in a storm. About half offered to help with visiting those with needs and about a third offered bed space in times of need.
4. Bruce and Dick decided to not mail out Core Data forms, at least at this time. We would probably need to enclose self-addressed, stamped envelopes, which would be prohibitively expensive. We acknowledge we have not reached out to non-residents.
5. Bruce and Dick agreed we do not have enough responses to justify purchase of data base software.
6. Bruce and Dick agreed we will not pursue any fundraising at this time.
7. Bruce did invite five respondents to the first form to tonight's meeting. None choose to join us. We do not have a plan to expand membership.

8. Bruce will synthesize our efforts to distribute the Core Data form and the response to date in an article he will write for the April Londonderry Monthly. The summary of what has happened to date is important so that future efforts can be more successful. There is a need for the data and a general feeling in town that it is really needed. Our problem has been that this kind of data collection requires more than two or three people.

We will ask George if she can write a PDF version of the Core Data form to be included in the Londonderry Monthly and possibly added to the Londonderry web site.

9. Dick met with the Planning Commission March 7. He found out that the state now requires towns to add provisions for Community Resiliency to the Town Plan. They will look to Dick and Mighty Londonderry for support in writing this part of the town plan. Many people live in the floodplain, so plans for resiliency and recovery are important to develop. We need to come together to marshal resources. Our role is to work more directly with Kevin Beattie as he develops the emergency management plan and marshal resources to be more effective.

10. Overall, our CR0 effort has gained broad based community approval, but not much assistance.

11. Kevin arrived and said he expects our efforts to get information from town residents will gain momentum over time and we should not give up on it. He also said a form similar to the Core Data form was included in this year's Local Emergency Management Plan from the state, so it is expected towns will do what they can to collect this information. We might integrate our data with the data Kevin collected in 2013.

Some options for collecting the data are to call people and fill out the forms on the phone and/or go door-to-door. Both are huge efforts. Potentially, we could ask help with manpower from the fire departments and LVRS. Ultimately, this is all under the purview of the Select Board.

12. Kevin suggested our goal is to identify people with needs and continue our outreach. Dick said that Neighborhood Connections, the Baptist and Congregational churches in town, and Mountain Valley Medical Clinic are all very protective of the privacy of their clients, members and patients.

12. Dick announced that on May 12, the Planning Commission will hold an open meeting asking for residents' vision of the future of

Londonderry.

13. Bruce will go to the joint Resilient Vermont and CRO conference on May 20 and 21. Dick made a motion for Mighty Londonderry to pay the expected \$75 two day fee. Bruce seconded. Passed unanimously.

14. Bruce reported on the Virtual CRO meeting held on Monday, March 7. He was asked to talk about our Core Data collection efforts, the controversy over the Mighty Londonderry Facebook page and his personal efforts to get the Select Board to invite UVM students to do a study on the Williams Dam. Other CRO efforts seem to center on members being town officials. Hartford has built a new town building. The first was flooded by Tropical Storm Irene. White River Junction is becoming a transition town. They are also promoting Apple Core, an effort to plant fruit and nut trees in public spaces. Many towns are working on building strong neighborhoods. Waterbury has done floodplain analysis and produced graphics that are online with the results. Not much is happening in Jeffersonville and Richmond. Richmond has held rapid planning nights on specific topics. It was said too much has been put on the shoulders of town managers. Plans for the May 20 and 21 Resilient Vermont/CRO conference were discussed. FEMA needs specific hazard mitigation projects for funding. Peg has applied to Canaday, a Vermont organization, for funding. If successful, her position and Rebecca's will be funded for three years. If not, the CRO effort may merge with Resilience Vermont.

15. The next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 5:30 at the Londonderry town office building. We will skip the April meeting. We will include a discussion of use of the CRO assessment tool to the May meeting agenda.

16. No other business.

17. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.