

Minutes – TEEM meeting 19 October 2016

Egremont Town Hall ó 9:00 AM

Present: EMD McCormick; S. Martin; B. McCarter; B. Bernstein; Chief Race; W. Brinker

General:

Minutes of the September 14, 2016 meeting were approved as distributed.

Old Business:

FY 2015 EMPG has been finalized; FY 2016 has been submitted (same 2-part format; total still \$2460).

Water supplies for firefighting are extremely low if available at all; fire protection is limited ó tanker task forces have been set up for use under mutual aid. Wildland fires are a major concern. Residents with shallow wells are feeling the effects of the dry year. The Board of Health can restrict use on private wells if necessary. The water departments in south county have not issued use restrictions.

The Mount Washington Road bridge is under construction; the road is closed to through traffic. All responders, agencies and dispatch have been notified of the location and alternate routes.

WMRHS is working on a model for the debris management plan. S. Martin reported that we should identify several sites for storage; dumpsters may be an option for hazmat/bulky waste. Perhaps MOUs with suppliers should be explored.

New Business:

With the winter season approaching, the DPW should be brought into the group and have more involvement so all town departments are aware of what is being planned and what resources are available. Ice storms are still the most dangerous cold weather events.

The generator at the Congregational Church is regularly exercised and maintained

The MOU for the regional shelter at Simonø Rock needs to be formalized.

Mr. Bernstein related the response to the Be Seen, Be Safe project ó it has been met well and the bright vests have been distributed. The COA is looking into possible funding sources for another order. Discussion took place on several agencies and groups which may be contacted for assistance. The TEEM has some money that may be able to be used for the program.

Miscellaneous:

The next TEEM meeting will be on Wednesday November 16, 2016 at 9:00AM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45AM.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Brinker