**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**March 12, 2013**

**McCulloch Building - Conference Room**

**182 Green Street, Weymouth**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** John Mulveyhill, Chairman

Matt Brennan

Mary Heinrichs

Jonathan Tose

Dave Phillips

Keith Stark

Joan Cooper-Zack

Tom Slattery

Dan McCormack

Jeff Bina

Jeanne Savoy

Mike Gallagher

**RECORDING SECRETARY**: Christine Callbeck

Chairman Mulveyhill called the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting to order at 9:00am.

**REVIEW OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS**

Mr. Brennan stated there was one hazardous materials incident on January 24, 2013 at 217 Front Street, 275 gallon fuel tank in basement had a leak. Incident was closed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Annual Drill (LEPC Subcommittee)**

Mr. Brennan suggested an incident at Technip on Woodrock Road. A possible road rage with delivery truck, to follow onto loading dock, altercation, 55 gallon drum spill which would affect Swamp River and also an employee of Technip will witness the spill outside and have accident inside and spill something on himself; inside incident will also need to be treated with evaluation and clean up. This scenario gives unified command with multiple agencies and employee taken to South Shore Hospital.

Chairman Mulveyhill stated LEPC is receiving excellent cooperation from Technip and they are a well organized facility and are additionally giving a lot of leeway to WETC.

The proposed date for the Annual Drill is early fall 2013.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Storms: Hurricane Nemo**

Chairman Mulveyhill stated that the (PDA) Preliminary Damage Association process was used and qualified for Hurricane Nemo, two issues involved; snow declaration, disaster declaration.

Ms. Cooper-Zack stated the Red Cross held out for Nemo storm, they waited until Weymouth went into action on their own before the opened as a Red Cross shelter. When does the public reimbursement come followed by the non-profit (South Shore Hospital)?

Ms. Cooper-Zack asked does MEMA let other communities know they have opened up a warming shelter; because South Shore Hospital was not informed.

Chairman Mulveyhill stated the Red Cross is thinking about storing a trailer with cots in Weymouth somewhere so that supplies will already be here for the next storm. The Red Cross did not open up the EOC correctly during Hurricane Nemo; they are looking at that to fix the issues.

Ms. Cooper-Zack stated issues with generator for Weymouth High School; need the next size up in order to get better air conditioning and heat working for all times of year storms. The costs of the next size up generator are approximately $250,000. This generator needs to be located outside of the building which brings the costs of installation up to $325,000 to bring this building up to code to be a Red Cross Shelter.

Discussion ensued regarding changing Weymouth High School from Priority One building for emergencies to Abigail Adams Middle School becoming Priority One Emergency Shelter for storms.

Mr. Slattery stated if the town will not act on this and come up with the cash Weymouth High School should never be opened up again as a Red Cross Shelter.

Ms. Cooper-Zack suggested LEPC walking through the Abigail Adams and Maria Weston Chapman buildings as back up shelters.

Ms. Slattery stated the challenges at WHS are because of what is above the ceilings; there are issues above the ceiling in the Maroon Café.

Ms. Cooper-Zack asked how many people the other two buildings would hold as a shelter.

Abigail Adams Middle School - can hold 1,200

Maria Weston Chapman Middle School - can hold 1,200

Mr. McCormack stated that both the Health Plan and the LEPC Plan should be combined and updated. Mr. McCormack agreed to Mr. Slattery's point. If the town is interested and if Red Cross is interested they should both step up to the plate and help fund the changes to WHS.

Mr. Slattery stated the time for talking about it is over.

Mr. Tose asked can the town refuse the Red Cross. Chairman Mulveyhill stated yes. Mr. Tose stated then next storm/emergency refuses Red Cross and help Weymouth only.

Ms. Cooper-Zack asked is there any hazard at Abigail Adams if LEPC makes it #1 shelter. Chairman Mulveyhill stated no. Ms. Cooper-Zach stated then let's make it #1 shelter.

Mr. Tose stated the command center at the last storm fell apart and it was very embarrassing. Perhaps a subcommittee should be formed to work on this issue.

**INVOICES**

Mr. Gallagher made a MOTION to RECEIVE AUTHORITY FROM LEPC to APPROVE ALL INVOICES FOR RECORDING SECRETARY PRIOR TO A MEETING AND VOTE. Mr. Slattery SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the LEPC will be held on May 21, 2013 at 9:00am.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9:45AM.

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John Mulveyhill, Chairman

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