

NORTHBOROUGH LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2016

Attendees: Joseph Atchue, Building Inspector, Kwame Gilbert-Arthur, Saint Gobain, Steph Bacon, Health Agent, Kelly Burke, Senior Center Director, Michael Careli, Steris Company, Walden Corwin, Trinity Church(Property Coordinator), John Coderre, Town Administrator, Dudley Darling, VP & GM Juniper Hill Golf Course, Joe DuBeau, H&S Tradebe, Kim Foster, Assistant Town Administrator, Rob Hubbard, Practice Manager, Carewell Urgent Care, Jason Little, Town Accountant, Lois Luniewicz, Worcester Regional Medical Reserve Corps, Chief William Lyver, Northborough Police, Cindee Morin, Northborough Extended Day NEDP, Inc., Dan Nason, DPW Director Town of Northborough, Laurie Pardee, Nurse/Health Leader, Northborough/Southborough Schools, Mike Serapiglia, HSE Manager, Saint-Gobain, Chris Wildman, Sanofi Genzyme and Frank Yacino, Steris Company.

Meeting called to order at 10:05 by Chief David L. Parenti. Other attendees introduced themselves around the room.

Old Business – By majority vote, the 1/7/2016 meeting minutes were not read at the meeting and the minutes were accepted as written.

Chief Parenti Introduction: - Nancy Lepore, the previous Northborough Hazardous Materials Assistant, has retired and we will have some changes on how meetings are conducted. There will be some training involved and if you have not read the plan the most important thing for you to know is the Appendixes. This is where you learn how the book works.

The plan was updated in 2015. The plan does not need yearly updating, I believe every five years would be sufficient. Yearly updates on contacts and chemicals within your company is the most important information to provide the chief right now. There has been no public inquiries, to date, since our last meeting.

As a reminder, there were changes to the Hazmat Plan last year and included dates associated with each facility named in the plan, new flood maps based on the new Federal Insurance Rate Maps, deletion of facilities that ceased operations, addition of new facilities in town.

The fire department has just increased it's staffing on two shifts to five personnel and four personnel on the other two shifts. It is still not enough to handle any hazmat incident that might happen. We are working to increase the other two shifts to five and are in the process of hiring a replacement for Nancy. As of today's meeting we have a few candidates who have submitted applications.

Dan Nason's question on how to determine what a chemical is was addressed and suggested you notify the fire department if uncertain. There are three types of gases to be aware of, propane, gas and liquefied natural gas.

New Business – Tier II permits were done by March 2016, and we have twenty-two facilities in town. There have been two new additions, a cell tower that would have battery acid and Iron Mountain that will store diesel fuel for their generators.

LEPC website will be reviewed and changes made, but not for a few months. We do have the information on the cable access, for LEPC notices, as well as postings at the Juniper Hill Golf Course a few times a year. If something comes up please call me, I will speak to you directly.

Steph Bacon, informed the members that come this fall the Board of Health will be permitting all chemical haulers. This is new and it would be great if we all worked as a team.

Dudley Darling asked if we have done anything relative to training after the Orlando incident. It doesn't fall under the LEPC unless chemicals are involved. We can incorporate it into a training session at some time.

Chris Wildman-Genzyme had no new business seeing it is his first meeting.

Lois Luniewicz stated this was a "very lively meeting" and to support the Emergency Run Shelters. She disclosed that the Medical Reserve Corps received a grant for the Worcester Regional schools. The middle school will have a pilot program where they will bring information home to establish an emergency plan and

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children should be aware of the plans. Lois is also working on a plan for a workshop for the Senior Centers in the 13 communities.

Mike Serapiglia has a project starting July 30, where they will be replacing the chillers. They have had 300-500 incidents come through St. Gobain. If anyone calls with a concern about chemicals used at St. Gobain you can direct them to Mike.

Joseph Dubeau stated that his company, Tradebe, will be removing their storage tanks soon and changing their license.

Dan Nason has removed the underground storage tanks at the DPW and above ground tanks were added. The SPCC plan is being done now, water is being purchased from the MWRA, so no chemicals, and the sewer is going to Marlborough. The Church Street bridge is being worked on now with two lanes open but could be reduced to one lane at times. We will have officers there to direct traffic. Bartlett Street will also have delays due to paving being done soon.

Dudley Darling informed the members that he removed the underground tanks at Juniper Hill and installed above ground tanks in 1990. He expressed there have been no issues with his gas/diesel being near the fertilizer, because of a wall between them.

John Coderre mentioned that the emergency alert system for the town is Code Red and urged members and the public to sign up for it to receive phone calls/ texts should and emergency arise in town. He also said the system has been upgraded. He stated that the town is making great strides, rebuilding the departments with emergency generators. The middle school has an emergency generator because it is the emergency shelter for the town. Wegman's has offered to provide food and we are still in need of additional cots.

Chief Lyver informed the members that they are in the process of filling one third of the department due to retirement and new job offers. He will have one Lieutenant and three Sergeants promoted soon and most of our officers have been trained for active shooter incidents. We will be offering this training to the high school and if requested to local businesses for your employees.

Cindee Morin expressed they have a good evacuation plan in place for the after school program and would like training for staff. They have about 250 families in the after school program and we need to keep the children safe.

Please call me if you have any questions, would like any training or to speak at your organization. I would like to have a training or drill in the next few months.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 am

Respectfully submitted,

Chief David L. Parenti