

Boxborough Emergency Reserve Corps (BERC)

Minutes

April 9, 2013

Boxborough Town Hall

Sign In/In Attendance: Laura Russell Loretta Crowley Brad Hardie Swan Anderson
Diane Ford

Started: 7:07 p.m.

Minutes of March 26, 2013 were accepted upon revisions.

News of Mary Cobleigh's Brother-In-Law, Tom Arggento, passing away was brought up; a card was circulated.

Brad showed us the new clip board purchased for the BERC, four in total. There were other items such as a label maker and supplies, surge protectors, chairs, over 20 sleeping bags, including 5 tall sleeping bags provided by the Nashoba Agent.

Large plastic bags will be provided by Diane for the sleeping bags. Dryer sheets will be placed in the bags to deter critters. Discussion of labeling the new items and a team to do so was established.

Diane gave Brad the sign-in list from the Open House. One person may consider joining, she mentioned.

All 4 sandwich boards will be kept in the Town Hall and all lettering will be kept there as well. Brad said, the Town Hall may be purchasing more lettering.

Lengthy talk regarding key situations for access to BERC items at BOH room and Community Center, transpired. Having more cabinet space, in a different location, may help. Brad will look into this, via. the Town's Administrator.

The BERC Open House could have been better attended, thought Laura. Feedback from each member was included in a discussion. Even with Diane calling folks and talking with neighbors, only a few people came. Ads were in the Action Unlimited for one month, and the Beacon and Boston Globe were contacted, as well. The presentation given by the MRC Region 4A Coordinator, Liisa Jackson, was inspiring, added Swan. Loretta mentioned, leaving a phone message with the Dog Officer, inviting her to the Event, too.

Fifer's Day is scheduled for June 15, 2013. Brad happily announced that the Pet Pics will be mentioned in the Program that the Town issues to residents. Pet Pics will start at noon, set up 8:30 a.m., take down 3:30 p.m. A list of set-up people was made. Swan will talk with her husband, Richard, while Brad will e-mail others for help. Brad hopes to have Beth Reid join in and participate in the Parade, as she has shared her convertible, in the past. More planning will be done at the next meeting. May 1, 2013 is the News Item target date. Draft will be sent to Brad for final approval.

New Business: Town Meeting is May 13 & 14, 2013. A Special Town Meeting is on June 3, 2013. Brief on what items to bring for BERC presence was planned.

This reminded Swan of a suggestion she made to Maureen Adema at the BOH, to display the tick literature on the counter.

Later in the meeting, Laura brought up a Fox News report on ticks, scheduled for tonight at 10:00 p.m. An idea of feeding deer in a way that they would have to put their head through a medicated collar-type feeder, is purposed. The affect it could have on hunters, eating deer meat, is a huge consideration. Brad added, brilliantly, they could add a die, to the medication. Diane considered doing it to mice, as they are the initial carriers, but domestic cats eat mice. Jokingly, Loretta added, put die in the medication. Brad was, later, concerned that we are not taken seriously. (This may have been after we adjourned.)

Emergency Dispensing Site Drill participation with the Littleton MRC is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. Sign-up on the MRC website. A mandatory prep. session is planned for Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Both meeting dates are at the High School.

Tabled from earlier in the meeting, Walpole MRC is offering A Safe Haven Training on 4/25/2013 from 7-9 p.m. Sign-up on the MRC website. This includes, violence prevention and group de-escalating for many settings such as Shelters.

Swan wondered when our First Aid/CPR Certificates expire. Loretta got out her card and shared it. Swan would like to make sure the list is updated with Maureen Adema at the BOH, as we are a Sub-Committee and our Member information is filed there.

Brad stated that we need to bring our Licenses to the next meeting, for the CORI checker.

Laura shared information on a Radio Tech. Training in Walpole that is quite intensive. It is once a week for several weeks, from 7-9 p.m. Johan may be interested since he is the HAM Operator.

Brainstorming of future Trainings in Boxborough for next fall included a Psychological First Aid accompanied by the Safe Haven de-escalation class. Hopes of having it a few weeks apart at the school, from 6:30 or 7-9 p.m. was considered. Contact with Liisa Jackson will be made, for planning. October 7th & 21st 2013 is our goal.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2013 will be our next meeting, starting at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Hall. June's meeting is planned for the 11th, 2013.

Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

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