

BERC Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2015

ATTENDEES: Ron Sisco, Diane Ford, Kathleen McLendon, Janyce Vicik, Beth Reid, Johan Sorvari

It was briefly stated that at the last meeting, no decisions were made, but the various boards (Fire, BOH) said that it was up to BERC to decide what requirements were needed to be a member and what direction BERC decided to pursue.

There was a general discussion about which direction BERC should go. It was generally agreed by the members in attendance they were willing to try to keep BERC going. A number of suggestions included:

1. Identify a definite mission
2. Identifying what each town department/ group (Fire, Police, Seniors, Selectmen, BOH, etc.) feel they need BERC to aid them with, as it seemed that in the past there was a disconnect between what BERC saw as a need and what other departments/groups did.
3. Identify needs for the town (i.e. man the shelter, inform with pamphlets, hold classes in first aid or cpr, etc)
4. Developing a network licensed ham radio operators and offering to assist others to get their licenses to assist in emergencies
5. Offering specific services to the town (attendance at public events , education, public awareness, sheltering services, seasonal health issues information like flu, insect borne diseases
6. Distribute information to everyone vis a tax bill, Littleton Elec bill or some other direct mailing
7. Prioritize the specialties of individuals so we do not waste their time and abilities.

It was decided, due to the small number of active members, to “start small , to concentrate initially on attending the 4 major town events: Cisco safety fair , flu clinic, Fifers day, and Grange Harvest Fair.

It was also decided to continue to train together and to attend regional educational classes, debrief after each event or class, to contact former inactive members and to have each member try to attract at least one new volunteer, revise and/or update the phone call-down tree, stay on topic to shorten the meetings

Ron volunteered to reach out to more people to become active in BERC, and to send out information on upcoming classes Kathy will check into the status of the shelter, Johan will reach out to Littleton to see how their ERC is doing.

Ron agreed to lead the group, Diane agreed to take minutes

The next meeting is Monday, May 4th 2015 at 7:00p.m. at the town hall which will give us a couple of weeks to plan for attending Fifer's Day and decide what to emphasize/ what literature to put on the table.