

June 8th 2016 BERC meeting Minutes

In attendance : Margaret Delano, Diane Ford, Scott Konkle, Beth Reid, Ron Sisco, Janyce Vicik

General Updates:

Updated the group on BOH grant and new supplies purchased. Supplies placed in trailers and need to be inventoried and organized.

Event Reports:

Ron Sisco and Cathy Corkery, MRC Region 4A coordinator, attended the Stow Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) drill on April 10th. This was very well run as Stow has an established DART team and drill was run with residents bringing pets in and running through the intake process with a team debrief afterward. Hudson DART team assisted Stow in getting their DART team up and running and offered best practice and lessons learned advice and were present for the drill.

Upcoming Events:

1) Fifer's Day June 18th (50th Anniversary): Janyce confirmed our booth reservation. Items needed include tent, tables, table covers, chairs, literature, new members packets, public health info including tick and mosquito, File-of-Life, home/family/pet preparedness handouts, Code Red handout, raffle go-bag, file with information handouts. Diane will supply cat go kit. Janyce will supply pet go kit/kennel. Ron will bring people go bag and cooler with water as well as supplies from trailer and Town Hall. Staffing very light as many members away. Cathy Corkery will attend the event and assist us from noon until 3/4pm. Cathy will bring MRC table covers.

Schedule: 7:30-8:30 Set up - Ron and Janyce

12:00-3:00 Ron, Cathy C.

12:00-2:00 Margaret

1:30-3:00 Diane

3:00-4:00 Break down - Ron, Diane, Cathy C.

Ron will ask Boxborough BOH if they have any members that can help us with booth coverage

2) Harvest Fair September 10th: Janyce will check into this and reserve BERC booth space.

Other Business:

“MA Responds” database discussed and still additional questions from the group on how this will be used by MRC to notify personnel of disaster events and potential deployment. Will discuss more with Cathy Corkery.

Discussed continued need to reach out to town to attract more volunteers and also medical personnel. Ideas included:

- Town mailer included with tax bill

- Tick borne disease talk – offer to town

- Give overview to parents at school PTO

- Talk with Selectmen, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Veterans, and Church

Ron has talked to the Fire Dept Chief about a Blanchard shelter walk-through in advance of a drill and is working to schedule this with Lt. Gray.

Next meeting is TBD over summer. Cookout or pot-luck dinner to be planned.

Next regional MRC meeting TBD in Aug/September timeframe.