

## August 31st 2015 BERC Meeting Minutes

In attendance : Diane Ford, Ginny Haskins, Kathleen McLendon, Beth Reid, Ron Sisco, John Sorvari, Janyce Vicik

Minutes for the 6/8/15 meeting were accepted

### General Updates:

September is National Preparedness Month ([www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)). This will be a thrust for the Boxborough Harvest Fair.

Ron is accepting and taking pictures for new badges because the old badges for existing members have expired.

### Event Reports: Fifer's Day June 20th

Fifer's Day went very well. Tent and table setup went smoothly with Beth, Janyce, and Ron. Johan joined the crew in the afternoon. Booth location was good, centrally located and near concessions. Tent and table top setup looked excellent. Booth traffic was good and steady all day with residents inquiring about many topics, especially lime disease. Go-bag raffled off to lucky winner, a Boxborough resident.

### Upcoming Events:

#### 1) Harvest Fair Saturday September 12th

Ron on vacation. Diane and Janyce available. Kathleen and Beth can help with setup. Janyce coordinating BERC table reservations.

Topics: Promote National Preparedness Month ([www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)) and Code Red reverse 911.

#### 2) Cisco Systems Safety Fair Wednesday September 16th 11-1:30pm, Cisco building 500 Beaver Brook Rd.

Diane and Ron are available to staff BERC table. Ron will set up and work beginning and Diane will cover the middle and break down. 2 tables have been reserved. Go-bag, table top tri-fold and literature handouts. Diane to bring pet carrier and pet supplies.

### Other Business:

Janyce gave summary of legal requirement to provide shelter for household pets and service animals and the need to have plan in place.

BOH informed us that some funding can be provided to BERC for equipment. BERC to evaluate needs.

Ron to investigate Red Cross shelter training. Fire Dept and Ron to complete shelter survey for Red Cross (In FD court currently).

Boxborough selectmen to host volunteer and staff appreciation day September 19th 4-7pm. Those who plan to attend should RSVP.

Margaret Delano is a veterinarian in Boxborough. Janyce will contact her and inform her of BERC.

Next meeting: Propose meeting with Cathy Corkery, Region 4A MRC coordinator, and have neighboring town MRC organizations present to discuss training, mutual aid, recruiting, best practices, and local activities. Ron to contact Cathy Corkery.