

Bennington County REMC Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 6 PM – 7:30 PM



Location

Arlington Memorial High School
Arlington, VT

In-person attendees: Bob Briggs, Sheila Lawrence, Wayne Tifft, Nick Zaiac, Todd Lawrence, Jamie Paustian, Rich Zoppel, Linda Schmidt, Paul Dansereau, Dara Zink

Virtual Attendees: Taiga Christie, Kim Hall, Stewart Johnson

Guest Speakers:

- Neil Glassman, Team Rubicon - had to cancel due to illness. Will reschedule for a future meeting.

Agenda:

- Welcome from Dara Zink
- Group Introductions
- Call for any business items to add to agenda - None
- Speakers:
 - Dara Zink, BCRC Emergency Management Planner, presented on LEMP Annex development and the resources available via both FEMA and Vermont Emergency Management (VEM).
 - FEMA's [Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans](#) – FEMA's guidance on different types of annexes
 - VEM's [Local Emergency Plan Resources](#) – This site contains annex templates and additional guidance.
 - If you are interested in taking a look at Brattleboro's LEMP it is available on their [website](#).
- Old Business:
 - Discussion of REMC officers. A quorum was not met at this meeting and it was discussed that Vince Thompson is still interested in being Vice Chair. A request was made for members to consider being the Chair.
- Updates:
 - Taiga – update from Vermont Emergency Management
 - Reminder that the VEM Conference is on 9/10-9/11
 - VACDARN Day of Learning is on 9/17 in Downtown Barre. More information can be found here: <https://www.vermontartscouncil.org/programs/disaster-resilience-network/>
 - Dara – Update from Bennington County Regional Commission
 - Changes to VEM- new regional coordinator being hired for our region, timeline is TBD
 - Dara will not be collecting LEMPs in 2025, the regional coordinator will
- Next REMC Meeting: Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00 pm – Location – TBD. Dara will find a location to hold this meeting. If you have a special request or know of a great spot, please let Dara know.

- Please refer to the REMC webpage at [Regional Emergency Management Committee - BCRC \(bcrcvt.org\)](https://www.bcrcvt.org) for updates
- Tour of Arlington Memorial High School hosted by Jamie Paustian and a discussion on how Arlington's school supports sheltering needs in the community. Thank you, Jamie!
- Thank you for attending!