

Franklin County Regional Emergency Management Committee

September 29, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.

Northwest Regional Planning Commission, 75 Fairfield, St., St. Albans, VT 05478 & Zoom

Attendance: Shaun Coleman (NRPC), Jacquie Kelley (VDH), Bill Jones (VEM Bennington and Rutland Counties), G. Downs (St. Albans) and J. Smit (Bakersfield).

The meeting began at 7. The Franklin County Interim Chair was unable to attend due to a work conflict. Shaun began the meeting with only Bill and Jacquie present and would wait until 7:10 before closing the meeting. He noted that there were multiple response calls that occurred approximately 30 minutes prior the meeting which would explain the lack of attendance. Shaun ended the Zoom at 7:10. Two members of the public then attended the meeting late after the zoom closed.

Adjustments to Agenda: None.

Vermont Drought Task Force Update: None.

There was some discussion from attendees about the current drought conditions. Shaun reviewed some state resources that are available to communities and individuals regarding the drought including where to report well issues. G. Downs noted that the Department of Ag is supposed to be putting together a survey for ag producers to report drought impacts.

Long Term Recovery Group Discussion: Shaun explained what an LTRG is and potential partners for the region. Many already attend the Regional Collaborative group that meets regularly so an LTRG should fit nicely.

Medical Reserve Corps Update: Tabled.

Vermont Emergency Management: Tabled.

Officers: Tabled.

Member Updates: Shaun provided an update of Hazard Mitigation Planning efforts in the region. He reviewed the Montgomery Mitigation Plan to date including the list of mitigation actions and the risk assessment. The group discussed wind events, recent storms and the lake level. There was also some discussion on different mitigation related activities in the Missisquoi River Watershed.

Adjourn: Shaun ended the meeting at 7:25 p.m.