

Town of Red Hook  
Disaster Preparedness Committee Minutes  
September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**CALL to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 by Hai-Ping Yeh

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Darren Forbes, Rich Hilbrandt, Dick Franklin, Tom Crisci, Hai-Ping Yeh

Members Absent: Eleanor Troy, Theresa Burke, Randy Clum, Robert McKeon, Patrick Hildenbrand, Perry Sheldon, John Gomez, Steve Perog,

Topic	Discussion	Action
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Emergency Plan Update	<p>Emergency Response Plan Update - Plan was approved by the Town Board on June 18, 2019. At the previous Board Meeting, it was suggested that we work with the Communications Committee to reach at risk residents. Unfortunately, this committee is not currently active.</p> <p>The Emergency Response Plan was given to the Town's attorney to review. Comments were received on 9/16 and Hai-Ping will meet with Robert McKeon to make the necessary changes.</p> <p>Tom Crisci and Rich Hilbrandt approved the sections pertaining to the Fire Company and the OIC.</p> <p>The committee discussed the work scope. It has historically been limited to the emergency response and has not included identifying potential hazards, preventing disasters and recovery plans.</p>	Hai-Ping will work with Robert on suggested changes.
Outreach to Village Mayors	<p>Spoke to Ed Blundell in June and will meet with him after the plan is ready to be shared. He was familiar with the work of the committee and did not, at that point, feel that his participation was needed. Discussed who was on the committee and the lack of representation from the village.</p> <p>Called the Village of Tivoli and the clerk was not aware of a Village Emergency Plan. The Mayor will be back on 9/30/19. Joel Griffith was emailed about the committee and the date of the next meeting.</p> <p>Do the Villages have their own emergency response plan is a question that will be asked of the two mayors.</p>	Hai-Ping will follow up with the mayors when the plan is ready to be shared.
Outreach to 911 and Central Hudson	<p>Bill Beale and others at the county level are working on developing a list of those with Access and Functional Needs. Municipalities are free to work on their own lists but there is no legal obligation.</p> <p>Central Hudson has a "Life Support Apparatus Program". They have a list of customers who have signed up for the program. It is advertised on their website. When there is a power outage, they will reach out within the first 12 hours. Their outreach department may visit the home or call 911 if needed.</p>	
Additional Shelter space	<p>Tivoli Fire Company, when they put the new addition on, will have a 40 X 40 Red Cross approved Disaster Shelter as part of the plan.</p> <p>They are currently having fund raisers and working with grant writers.</p> <p>Tivoli FD has a generator.</p> <p>Red Hook Fire House also has a generator.</p>	
Generator for the Community Center	<p>Spoke to Sara Ugolini, Director of the Town of Red Hook's Community Center. They are very interested in purchasing a generator but have not gotten assistance from the multiple contacts they have made to local and county offices. They got an estimate in February 2019.</p> <p>Will look for guidance in applying for a FEMA grant.</p>	Dick will provide a list of ham operators.
Amateur	3 new amateur radio stations in Red Hook. Darren is looking into getting a	

Radio	license. Dick has a license and will provide a list to the committee than can be added to the Emergency Response Plan.	John and Darren will organize the Table Top Exercise
Table Top Exercise	Table Top will be scheduled for March of 2020. A weather related event will be the focus.	
Weather events	<p>Our community is not accustomed to seeing and being able to identify tornados, as an example. Skywarn (part of the National Weather Service) offers trainings for volunteer weather spotters. This is something that the Town may want to publicize. There are no classes currently scheduled for our county.</p> <p>Future meetings –</p> <p>Will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 4:30-5:30 at Town Hall.</p> <p>October 15th, 2019 November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 March – TBD – Table top drill</p>	

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20

Respectfully submitted,

Hai-Ping Yeh