

Southwick Local Emergency Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes LEPC of January 26, 2023

Meeting conducted both in person and on zoom (Hybrid)

Lt. Rhett Bannish, LEPC Chairperson opened the meeting at 9:33am with an introduction of all present after noting a quorum was present.

Roll Call of Members present is as follows:

Karl J. Stinehart, Charles H. Dunlap, LT Rhett Bannish, Randal Brown, Cindy Sullivan, Karen Wzorek(zoom), Cecil Lewis (Alt), Jessica Bishop (Alt), and Paul Miles (not sworn in and Alt for Rhett Bannish)

Absent Voting Members: Jennifer Willard and John Cain, Jason Perron, Richard Stefanowicz, and Joshua Towse

Clay Connor entered the meeting at 9:40am (not sworn in so can't vote)

I. Acceptance of Thursday, March 24, 2022 minutes

Lt. Rhett Bannish entertained a motion for acceptance of the March 24, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion made by Charles Dunlap and seconded by Karl Stinehart. Roll Call was as follows

Karl J. Stinehart	yes
Charles H. Dunlap	yes
Jessica Bishop	abstain
Rhett Bannish	yes
Randal Brown	yes
Cindy Sullivan	yes
Karen Wzorek	yes
Cecil Lewis	abstain

Acceptance of Thursday October 27, 2022 minutes

Lt. Rhett Bannish entertained a motion for acceptance of the October 27, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion made by Charles Dunlap and seconded by Karl Stinehart. Roll Call was as follows.

Karl J. Stinehart	yes
Charles H. Dunlap	yes
Jessica Bishop	yes
Rhett Bannish	yes
Randal Brown	yes
Cindy Sullivan	yes
Karen Wzorek	yes
Cecil Lewis	abstain

II. New Business:

A. Forever Chemicals

Charles Dunlap presented a video called Forever Chemicals PFAS, PFOA, PFOS, BPA, Explained Clearly <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QuvTjLZaXs>

Also present at the meeting was Eric Wicander, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds at Southwick Tolland Granville Regional School District and David Sutton Town of Southwick Buildings and Grounds Supervisor.

1. **Brief Summary of discussion:** Randy Brown updated the group on how Southwick tracks PFAS etc in drinking water. The water is tested quarterly and the results are posted on the town's website at www.southwickma.org. David Sutton didn't have anything additional to add to the discussion. He indicated he supports Randy Brown with issues needed from his department. Eric Wicander indicated that at this time there is nothing on school grounds that would be concerning regarding forever chemicals. He reported that Astro turf is not being discussed at this time for this and many other reason. He had nothing further to add to the discussion.

B. **Tabletop Exercise discussion/scheduling:** Charles Dunlap reported that he would plan a tabletop exercise for the March meeting.

C. **Future topics/training discussion:**
Multi-town and interagency communications training
Pipeline gas training with Kinder-Morgan
Mail system do and don'ts.

III. Old Business:

Randy Brown, DPW Director, indicated that the hazard mitigation plan needs to be updated and many people on this current committee are needed to meet and update the meeting. Randy will reach out.

IV. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made at 10:12am by Charles Dunlap and seconded by Randy Brown roll call was as follows:

Karl J. Stinehart	yes
Charles H. Dunlap	yes
Jessica Bishop	yes
Rhett Bannish	yes
Randal Brown	yes
Cindy Sullivan	yes
Karen Wzorek	yes
Cecil Lewis	yes

Next Meeting: March 22, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Town Hall TBD

