

MYSTIC REPC

Mystic Regional Emergency Planning Committee



Executive Committee Meeting

March 28, 2023 | 8:30 a.m.

Virtual via Zoom at

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or via phone at 1-309-205-3325 | Meeting ID: 825 9456 4534 Passcode: 706744

1. Welcome and Call to Order: 8:34 a.m.
2. Executive Committee Meeting minutes approved 2023-01-24 ([view draft minutes](#))
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Thomas Walsh \$9,500 +-
 - b. Invoices for membership dues have been distributed
4. Subcommittee reports
 - a. Business
 - i. Alan Gilbert (Kettle Cuisine): Tabletop exercise likely to take place in late summer/early fall. He stressed the importance of using CAMEO frequently to keep skills sharp. The training room at his facility can hold up to 18 people if the REPC wishes to use it for a training.
 - b. Health
 - i. Ron Knight (Winchester Hospital): The organization conducted a hotwash of the recent Brockton incident and will be reevaluating plans and procedures at Winchester. The hospital is typically seeing 5 or less COVID patients at a given time. However, mental health care is increasing. Youth cases continue to be challenging to navigate.
 - c. Training
 - d. Planning
 - i. Registration application has been filed for recertification.
 - e. MEMA
 - i. Heather Tecce represented. EMD meetings are taking place in Tewksbury and Franklin. All are welcome. HMEP grants are due; Mystic's application was resubmitted.
 - f. Other
 - i. Len Wallace (EPA): WISER is no longer available; replaced by CAMEO chemicals. He is offering a free webinar on May 23.
 - ii. Mike Castro: Tom Walsh and Mike attended the recent State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meeting. Their registration process is being updated and any organization seeking a grant must be registered. They plan to

provide more planning workshops to assist in understanding EPCRA and creating emergency-response plans. SERC purchased 75 additional TierII portal licenses for communities and REPCs. HMEP grant awards were announced with 25 projects funded (still waiting on word for Mystic's application). Meeting attendees also discussed the need for better communication with railroads in light of the recent rail accident in Ohio.

5. Old business

- a. Commodity Flow Study completed (grant funded). CAMEO training supporting the study and corresponding database were conducted. Several communities have not taken the training: Burlington, Chelsea, Nahant, Salem, and Wilmington.
 - i. Mike Castro will schedule an additional training for these communities

6. New business

- a. May full membership meeting
 - i. Ideas to consider for discussion (based on recent regional incidents) include Freon release in a supermarket and Ammonia release at a food-processing facility; the REPC, its role, and maintenance of the committee given our Chair's retirement; Case study / CAMEO overview
 - ii. Fourth Tuesday of May, 9 a.m. to noon
- b. Filed for a grant to develop a regional emergency-response plan.
- c. Allan Alpert brought forth a suggestion to restructure. When the REPC was originally established, the executive committee was just one contact from each community. It expanded to also include organization representatives and business leaders. We may want to consider restructuring the exec committee and also form a steering committee to promote business and industry. We may want to develop a formal procedure for hybrid meetings.
- d. Lexington Solar Farm update: Len Wallace discussed the proposed solar farm in Lexington . A fire among the panels would create a lot of undesirable materials and also would likely impact a nearby water supply. Pre-planning is critical (notification procedures, water-system plans, etc).
- e. Chair Tustin requested that members look to fill his open seat upon his retirement in May.

7. Adjournment at 9:27 a.m.