



Meeting Minutes: Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee

Date June 25, 2019	Location Terrazza Ristorante 244 Country Club Rd Greenfield, MA	Facilitators Norene Pease and Carolyn Shores Ness, Co-Chairs
Time 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Duration 4 Hours	

ATTENDEES:

Duncan Colter, Ashfield BOH	John Hillman, Leverett BOH
Mike Friedlander, Colrain BOH	Christopher Boutwell, Montague BOH
Carolyn Shores Ness, Deerfield BOH	Al Cummings, Montague BOH
Trevor McDaniel, Deerfield BOH	Michael Nelson, Montague BOH
Dick Calisewski, Deerfield Health Agent	Dan Wasiuk, Montague Health Director
Laura Barrus, Goshen BOH	Ann Stuart, Montague Health Clerk
Valerie Bird, Greenfield Health Director	Sheila Litchfield, Rowe Town Nurse
Hussain Hamdan, Hawley BOH	Deb Coutinho, Shelburne BOH
Robert Root, Hawley BOH	Norene Pease, Shutesbury BOH
Armand Clavette, Heath BOH	Catherine Hilton, Shutesbury BOH
Betsy Kovacs, Heath BOH	Donna Gibson, Williamsburg BOH

ABSENT:

Bernardston BOH	Northfield BOH
Charlemont BOH	Rowe BOH
Conway BOH	Sunderland BOH
Erving BOH	Warwick BOH
Gill BOH	Wendell BOH
Leyden BOH	Whately BOH

GUESTS:

Denise Banister, Williamsburg EMD	Tim Lively, Heath EMD
Sandy Clavette, Heath Resident	Chief John Paciorek, Deerfield PD
Jim Field, Leverett EMD	Garrett Simonsen, Cambridge Health Alliance

FRCOG STAFF:

Andrea Crete, Greg Lewis, Mark Maloni,
Tracy Rogers, Xander Sylvain, Phoebe Walker, Lisa White

Agenda Items	
1. Welcoming remarks/ agenda/introductions	Called to order at 4:30 p.m.
2. Steering Committee elections	<p>Carolyn Shores-Ness presented the following slate of officers for election to the MAPHCO Steering Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duncan Colter, Ashfield • Mike Friedlander, Colrain • Carolyn Shores Ness, Deerfield • Valerie Bird, Greenfield • Betsy Kovacs, Heath • John Hillman, Leverett • Deb Coutinho, Shelburne • Norene Pease, Shutesbury • Donna Gibson, Williamsburg <p>There was one nomination from the floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Wasiuk, Montague <p>MOTION: Michael Nelson made a motion to elect the slate as presented, plus the nominee, Dan Wasiuk. Carolyn Shores-Ness seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.</p>
3. Presentations and Workshop	<p>Greg Lewis and Carolyn Shores Ness described the year in review (BP1x), highlighting the successes of the SNS drills and describing the development of a regional cache of emergency supplies.</p> <p>Greg and Carolyn next presented on the origins of public health in the US and its sole purpose of disease control; the emergence of the post-9/11 Public Health Emergency Preparedness program and the need for regional coalitions in MA; and the formation of MAPHCO and its sole reliance on volunteer LBOHs.</p> <p>Greg and Carolyn described the year ahead as a careful planning study to determine potential restructuring of the coalition, including the addition of members from other municipal departments. They highlighted the efficiency of combining all local resources to prepare for all possible hazards, not only those requiring an EDS response.</p> <p>Attendees of the meeting listened to, and participated in, presentations by Sheila Litchfield and Tim Lively, Jim Field, and John Paciorek who addressed the benefits of their local, multi-disciplinary emergency management teams. They offered their perspectives that a unified approach improves relationships, pools resources, and expands networks with neighboring towns. Each table of attendees took turns to express their interest in developing their own EMTs, sharing best practices, and receiving regional support.</p>
4. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.