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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (EMAC)

September 9, 2019 2:00 PM Town Hall Meeting Hall

MINUTES

Councilors Present: Joseph Palombizio, Emergency Management Director; Peter Hany, President, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps (EVAC); Erin Graziani, Director, Ellington Senior Center; Timothy Webb, Director of Public Works; Brian Santa, Sergeant, Resident State Troopers' Office; Carl Dojan, Deputy Fire Marshal; Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance and Operations, Rebecca Gonzalez, Director of Facilities, Ellington Public Schools; Julia Connor, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER – 2:03 PM
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Meeting of June 10, 2019

MOVED (HANY), SECONDED (GRAZIANI) AND PASSED [AYE: PALOMBIZIO/HANY/GRAZIANI/SANTA/DOJAN/GREENLEAF/GONZALEZ; ABSTAIN: WEBB] TO APPROVE THE JUNE 10, 2019 EMAC MINUTES.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Update – Security Testing for Ellington Computer Users (KNOWB4)

There was no update at this time.

- B. Update – School Security Programs

Brian Greenleaf shared that parents received information on various security initiatives that are being introduced; resources on how to handle traumatic events were provided, as well as information on Run – Hide – Fight, which will be rolled out to the students in the fall. There will be two parent forums held sometime in October to review the curriculum that will be introduced to the students in late October or early November. The program will be rolled out differently between schools, based on the students' ages, and will incorporate an active drill. Mr. Greenleaf also reported that they are working on details regarding their School Security Officer. Peter Hany asked Mr. Greenleaf to expand on the "fight" portion of the program; Mr. Greenleaf said that fighting is a last resort, if a situation doesn't allow an individual to run and/or hide. Joseph Palombizio asked if there was a decision regarding doors being closed

and/or locked in emergency situations; Mr. Greenleaf explained that doors were no longer going to be closed or locked to prevent students and staff from being trapped in certain areas.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. North Central District Health Department Updates

There were no updates at this time.

B. Emergency Management/CERT/Shelter Updates

Mr. Palombizio stated that the CERT members would be participating in the active shooter drill. The high school shelter kitchen will also be running during this exercise as an opportunity to train and re-familiarize members with the procedures. CERT will also be handling communication through the Emergency Operations Center (EOC); the Town Hall Annex will be utilized in this scenario, as the EVAC building is located to closely to Ellington High School, where the drill is taking place. Carl Dojan asked if the Annex was properly equipped to act as EOC during this exercise; Mr. Palombizio stated that John Streiber will be checking on the status of that setup.

C. Active Shooter Exercise – Fall 2019

The exercise is scheduled to being at 8:00 am on October 19; both fire departments, as well as the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps and State Police, will be involved. The introduction of emergency personnel into warm zones will also be an element of the drill. These responders will be outfitted in proper equipment, including bulletproof vests, helmets and goggles, gloves, and other equipment. Drama students from Ellington High School have volunteered to act as victims during the exercise.

D. Ellington Rescue Task Force Personnel/Equipment

The equipment plan will be going out to bid shortly, per the Finance office.

5. ROUNDTABLE – INPUT FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Erin Graziani reported that the Maple Street Café would be reopening soon.

Tim Webb shared that on Thursday, September 12, there will be a celebration for Ron Moser, Denis Giroux and Rich Daugherty at Public Works. He also stated that hurricane season is active so people should remain aware of forecasts and plan accordingly; he mentioned the recent tornado that came through as well.

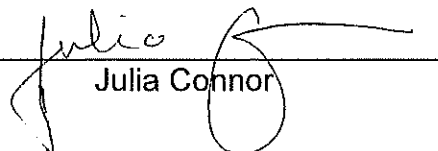
Sergeant Santa reported that Patrick Sweeney, formally the Sergeant of the Resident State Troopers Office in Town, was hired as a new officer. He also extended a thank you to everyone who was involved with the search for the missing woman earlier in the summer.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (WEBB), SECONDED (HANY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:35 PM.

The next EMAC meeting is scheduled for 2:00 pm on Monday, November 4, 2019.

Submitted by:


Julia Connor