



**Weston Emergency Reserve Corps
WERC**

Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, April 25th, 2019
12:30 – 2:00 PM
Weston Town Hall – Lower Meeting Room**

Attendance: Sandra Ashley, Laura Azzam, Wendy Diotalevi, Julie Hyde, David Kominz, Stephanie Lynch, Paul Martin (sec), Barbara Meissner (vice-chair), Rudy Ruggles (chair), Marilyn Savage.

Call to Order and quorum call: 12:50pm

1. Approval of Minutes - [March 14] – [Rudy asked if minutes of the March 14 meeting were reviewed by the EC members. Getting broad affirmative response Rudy asked for motion to approve, seconded by unanimous voice.]
2. Town Cleanup: Rudy voiced a big Thank You to Julie for her being HQ for WERC's contribution to the cleanup labor pool. Noting that despite everyone winding up soaking wet from the torrential rain we achieved a great success. In future years we hope to again participate and look forward to expanding our locations. There was a discussion on how well the yellow bags worked, how many we had, their cost and the fact that the Town Transfer Station has a special dumpster for the town-wide yellow bags to visually show how much was collected from the public roadways and byways of Weston. There was ongoing discussion on things we learned from the exercise and points to remember for possible future implementation such as i) having a Hazard Sign (WERC at Work!), ii) handling of broken glass and other sharps, iii) recruitment of the schools such as inclusion of the initiative with the Earth Day display at the High School.
3. Moving the agenda to discussion of the Spring Fling, two days hence, and noting that the forecast calls for yet more rain, Rudy asked for who would be available to help at particular points of the day, Set up, Break down etc. Rudy asked who among the members get Spring Fling related email. Laura noted that she receives direct updates through the High School. Rudy described what kind of interactions to expect at our table. Barbara listed the medical documentation for the medical table, Wendy listed the Big Wheel and games for the kids.
4. There was a question raised about the nation-wide measles outbreak and Weston's status. Wendy informed the group that two Weston families have exemptions, there are 2,000 cases of measles in Massachusetts. David noted that the pertussis, and other vaccines, wear out advising the older adults may no longer have the level of protection of their younger years and that revaccination, particularly for the less durable vaccines such as pertussis, should be considered.



5. Stephanie asked about animal preparedness information at Spring Fling, noting that the typical Spring Fling attendees include families with young (K-5th grade) children. Wendy noted that Tick information card will be available as will the preparedness card game. There was discussion on possible need for weights or small sand bags in case it is windy. The information needed for animal shelter entry was mentioned so the group could inform visitors to our table that medical information on their pets is needed for intake of a shelter and to be sure they have the information to hand when needed. The group discussed logistics of getting all the material to the town green. Volunteers noted when they expect to be on hand for the set up and break down etc. Laura raised the question of information on the vaping epidemic with products such as JUUL particularly among the young. Other items mentioned as reminder to bring Clip Board for folks to sign up and the Signup sheets. The pens are not available yet. Rudy noted that he will summarize prior decisions on the pens and circulate to the group.
6. Rudy reminded the group that the Town Report is out and available and that it mentions both WERC and the Board of Health. Kudos to Wendy for making sure these both are included.
7. Rudy asked for any other matters we should consider for May. Topics mentioned included preparations for camp, Go Kits for kids, Region Stop the Bleed kits, Stop the Bleed training.
Action Item: Rudy will talk to Liisa.

Marilyn discussed possible evening training program 6:30 to 8:30

Laura mentioned terrorist response training possibility including ALICE training for adults as well as the PTO Wellness Health addressing burnout issues, teacher response to student mental health issues, a question arose regarding possible training to resolve mental health crisis episode in school, Marilyn informed us that The World Laughter Tour has an open class in July at \$300 per person. Wendy discussed some current issues and concerns regarding some library patrons (children). The topic was whether available funds could help get training to our team on how to deal with situation in which there is a mental health root cause and avoid the situation escalating to becoming a police and law enforcement matter. There is an available \$25K Mental Health budget. Rudy posed the question to the group whether we should continue to research and discuss paying for classes that earn CEU hours for appropriate town or WERC members in order to advance our preparedness under any of the discussed scenarios. Wendy noted that the Weston Council on Aging has two staff LICSWs, one of whom might be interested in a such training.

Rudy suggested that it would be in our interests to get a long term relationship with some person in the field of mental health such that the person would remain available to Weston's needs in the long term.

Action Items: We will learn the licensing, cost pass through, Train the Trainer facts regarding World Laughter Tour. Marilyn will discuss with the vendor, Paul will investigate WLT's published licensing policies, and Wendy will discuss with the CoA regarding Councillor interest and availability.

8. Next Meeting Thursday, May 9th, 2019, 12:30pm to 2:00pm
Weston Town Hall, Lower Conference Room
9. Meeting Adjourned at 2:00pm