

Sudbury C.E.R.T.

April 1, 2015

Fairbank Senior Center

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marie Royea at 7:15 p.m.

Members in attendance: Mary Atkinson, Marilyn Ellsworth (MRC), Diane Hammond, Marie Royea, Donna Shaw, Lisa Turkington, and Carol Williams.

Guest: Phyllis Schilp (Sudbury's new Board of Health Nurse)

Previous meeting minutes were motioned and approved.

Marie announced the April 14th presentation by DeValle Institute and the Boston Public Health Commission (Emergency Preparedness for the Whole Community) is open to anyone and there is no charge. There is a pre-registration requirement and it can be done on-line. It is located in Holyoke. Plan on leaving Sudbury by 7:00 a.m. for 8:30 a.m. registration and the 9:00a.m. To 5:00p.m. Program presentation.

Marie reported that the Public Hearing at the Grange held regarding rehabilitation of the Sudbury Community Center was well attended. Public forum allowed concerns from various factions. Park & Recreation out of space; seniors trying to share space; C.E.R.T. needs for Storage and Town Shelter space and considerations; and the pool considered in good enough condition to be saved were several important issues. Three Alternate Plans were shown with their respective cost estimates. Current consensus seemed to favor the 60K Sq. Ft. plan on layout, space apportioning, and capacity to expand. There is no projected timeline for future progress and no decisions were made at this initial forum.

Guest Phyllis Schilp was introduced. The new Sudbury Board of Health nurse under new Director Bill Murphy, has three years experience with Parmenter Health. Her duties include Home Calls, Town Department interactions, Disease Surveillance for the Town, (a list of fifty reported to the State to help identify disease clusters), Community Education for school aged children to seniors (such as on Lyme Disease, Arthritis, Diabetes, and Blood Pressure, running a 12 week program by Bay Path on How to Manage Pain). Medical Counseling & Resources and supplying limited vaccines for children without insurance.

Over the past several months, Phyllis has been working to build up Sudbury's Medical Reserve Corp. MRC is a community based mass medical emergency Volunteer Responder group. Phyllis has met with the MRC Executive Board, e-mailed all past applicants, and done updates on websites for MRC, and Town Meeting and Senior Center newsletters. She has had about thirty responses, mostly medical personnel. During discussion, a change of date to May 13, 2015 was targeted for a MEET and GREET. Flyers will be posted around Town. Hours will be 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. She is hoping to interest participants who will belong to both CERT and MRC or be available when the two groups work together. Applications and permissions for CORI and SORI will be taken, a light supper will be available, and survey and discussion of what types of training people would like to have will be highlighted.

Sudbury is part of Region 4A of MRC which includes 35 towns just outside Boston. Phyllis hopes to conduct at least four trainings per year and would like to include offering them to C.E.R.T. volunteers.

There is still no response from Red Cross Sheltering Training. They have a new section on their website and members were urged to check it.

NEXT CERT METING –NORMALLY SCHEDULED FOR April 6 WILL BE HELD APRIL 13 AT THE SENIOR CENTER DUE TO CONFLICT WITH TOWN MEETING. It will be combined with the MRC Meet & Greet which starts at 6:30 p.m. NOTE: the MRC event is now scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 6:30-8:30pm.

The Town of Framingham is offering Animal Pet Preparedness on April 15 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. There is a sign-up link on their website. Marie will check if Sudbury CERT members are eligible. This pertains to Sheltering (as opposed to Rescue).

Discussion took place regarding a Basement Inventory date. There will be a follow-up through e-mail.

No one present has been active recently on CERT's Face Book page, but it was reported that Marlin continues to add links and websites to the CERT Twitter account.

Steve Weinstein was culling ideas and resources for a Table Top Exercise, of unknown status, currently. There has not been an exercise for about a year and we are hoping for one in June. Mary suggested a dry-run of opening the Shelter

Radio Review was held. Members practiced basics of Menu, Turn on/off, speaking, receiving, and Channel one use by going into different rooms and at different distances.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY APRIL 13, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M.