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**FEAWM
Full Membership Meeting
September 27, 2007
Log Cabin Restaurant
Holyoke, MA**

Present: Ron Grzelak, Patrick Defalco, Doug Loux, SSA, Holyoke; Karen Regish, USDA-NRCS; Joe McDanel, Westover ARB; Linda Repasky, USF&WS; Dave Mendoza, Barnes ANGB; Jeff Anliker, Treasurer; David Levin, Executive Director. Jack Flynn, Area Emergency Mgr. VA

The meeting opened at 9:40.

Minutes: The minutes from the July 26, 2007 meeting were approved with minor changes.

Treasurers Report: Jeff reported that the balance in the checkbook is presently at \$14,000 not including some outstanding checks due from sponsors of the luncheon. The report was accepted as written.

Executive Directors Report: David Levin reported that he was having difficulty organizing the group to meet on accomplishing the goal plan for the FEA. He is hoping to get a meeting together after the holidays when people may have more time.

Activities: Patrick reported that he is planning another bowling activity again this year at Westover Air Reserve Base. Possibly one event before the holidays and one after.

Awards: David Tuttle was unavailable for comment.

Education: The committee is planning to meet this fall. They are hoping to recruit more people as the committee membership is down. They would like to plan a retirement seminar every 2 years.

Federal Relations: Jeff, David and Mary meet on September 24th to revisit the FEA goals. They are hoping to focus on how the Federal Government impacts the community. They are working on creating a brochure to be able to hand to Legislators. Joe will give the committee a copy of the Westover ARB impact statement. Other focuses of the group is education and recruitment of agencies that do not participate in the FEA.

Pay and Benefits: Patrick/Ron. Patrick is meeting with the Federal Salary Council on Wednesday, October 3rd. Fred Baron of the Navy Office in Pittsfield, MA will travel along with him. A proposal was submitted in July, stating that the Berkshire locality pay area is bordered by 2 locality pay areas has over 85 GS employees and is the only county in state that does not have locality pay.

Website/PR- Karen reported for Diane Petit. Diane purchased a display board for the FEA. It is currently being housed at USDA-NRCS office in Amherst. The board should decide a permanent home for the display.

Diane is working on the transition of the FEAWM website to a content management system so that other government agencies can access it to post.

She sent out a media advisory on the awards luncheon.

National Disaster Planning Speaker-Jack Flynn, Area Emergency Manager for the Department of Veterans Affairs, spoke on national disaster planning. He stated that he has a top security clearance to work with the National Disaster Agency in Washington and responds to every national disaster location to assist with the creation of a response plan. The Department of Homeland Security oversees his activities during an emergency.

Next full membership meeting will be held on December 13, 2007. Location to be announced.

Next Board meeting time and place to be announced.

Recorder: Karen Regish