



Orleans-Essex REMC Meeting Minutes

Here are the Minutes for the Orleans-Essex REMC Meeting, Monday, November 27, 2023.

DATE: Monday, November 27, 2023 TIME: 1pm

LOCATION: Newport Fire Station, also available via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm by Vice Chair Travis Bingham.

Introductions were done. Those attending in person were: Maurice Doyon-Westfield EMD, Bill Sanborn-Maidstone EMD, Rebecca Petelle-Vermont Department of Health, Sandra Leonard- Jay EMD, Kevin Lacoss-Newport City Fire Chief/EMD, Bruce Melendy-NVDA. Those attending via ZOOM were Colleen Kellogg-Charleston Assistant Town clerk, Gina Lyon-Barton Village EMD, Travis Bingham-Newport City Police Chief, Brian McWalters-Vermont Emergency Management.

Brian McWalters from Vermont Emergency Management did a presentation on the Hazard Mitigation Grants that are currently available to communities.

There was discussion of Quorum based on recent changes to the Quorum requirement at REMC Meetings by the Legislature. If there are five voting members from the REMC attending the meeting then it qualifies as a Quorum, through December 31, 2023. After December 31, 2023, there must be a minimum of 20% of voting members attending the meeting to qualify as a Quorum. For Orleans-Essex REMC that number would be twelve voting members. Sandra Leonard made the motion to have the quorum number be 12 as of January 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Gina Lyon and passed.

Sid Pollock, the Regional Coordinator for Vermont Emergency Management was unable to attend but did send an email with a Vermont Emergency Management Update and Report.

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There was some discussion about future meeting dates and times and this will be put on the Agenda for the January 29, 2024 meeting. There was also discussion about elections for 2024 and that will be on the Agenda for the January 29, 2024 Meeting.

The Orleans REMC Meeting will be Monday, January 29, 2024 at 1pm at the Newport Fire Station and also available via ZOOM.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45pm, November 27, 2024.