



Cal-Essex REMC Meeting Minutes

Here are the Minutes for the Cal-Essex REMC Meeting, Wednesday, May 29, 2024

DATE: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 TIME: 2pm

LOCATION: Barnet Fire Station, also available via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05pm by Chair Richard Fisher.

Introductions were done. Those attending in person were Richard Fisher- Concord Fire Chief/EMD, Ron Morse-Barnet Fire Chief/EMD, Callie Audet- Vermont Homeland Security, Sid Pollock- Vermont Emergency Management, Rebecca Petelle- Vermont Department of Health, Andrea Kane- Peacham Representative, Bruce Melendy- NVDA. Those attending via ZOOM were Bradley Reed- St. Johnsbury Fire Chief/EMD, Keith Wooster-Kirby Representative, Glenn Herrin- Danville EMD.

Callie Audet from Vermont Homeland Security did a presentation on what programs Vermont Homeland Security can provide funding for communities and agencies.

There was a discussion about voting members for the REMC. Each town is allowed two voting members with one of them being the EMD from that town. Bruce Melendy indicated that many towns still do not have a second voting member and asked the towns to please work on getting a second member appointed to the REMC. This was discussed at the March meeting and some progress has been made since that meeting on getting second voting members from communities appointed to the REMC.

The REMC participated in a Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop with guidance from Emily Harris of Vermont Emergency Management at the November 29, 2023 REMC where they discussed and mapped out a tentative three-year plan for planning, training, exercising, organizational and equipment changes for the REMC. There was further discussion on the IPP and what types of scenarios the REMC might want to Exercise.

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Sid Pollock, the Regional Coordinator for Vermont Emergency Management provided an Update and Report for Vermont Emergency Management.

Elections of a Chair and Vice-Chair were on the agenda however only six voting members were in attendance, two of them did have two proxy votes for a total of eight, but no official business was conducted as nine voting members are required to be in attendance for a quorum.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm, May 29, 2024.

The next Cal-Essex REMC Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at the Barnet Fire Station at 2pm, also available via ZOOM.