



## Cal-Essex REMC Meeting Minutes

Here are the Minutes for the Cal-Essex REMC Meeting, Wednesday, September 25, 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 made. Those attending in person were Richard Fisher- Concord Fire Chief/EMD, Ron Morse-Barnet Fire Chief/EMD, Sid Pollock- Vermont Emergency Management, Bradley Reed- St. Johnsbury Fire Chief/EMD, Reginald Beliveau- Vermont Division of Fire Safety, Bruce Melendy- NVDA. Those attending via ZOOM were Neil Monteith- Peacham EMD, Keith Wooster-Kirby Representative, Glenn Herrin- Danville EMD, Allissa Fontaine- NVRH, Rebecca Petelle- Vermont Department of Health.

Reginald Beliveau from the Vermont Division of Fire Safety did a presentation on what programs the Division of Fire Safety offer and what services they can provide during emergencies and non-emergencies.

There was a hot wash to discuss the response to the July storms in area towns. The main concern was communication from one town to another about issues one town was having that could occur very soon in the surrounding town due to the fast-moving water. Glenn Herrin discussed VT-Alert and how that works but it was agreed that VT-Alert would not resolve the communication issues between EMDs and Town Officials. This will be further discussed at the November REMC Meeting, and the state is working on putting together an After-Action survey for the response to the July storms.

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

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the REMC. There was further discussion on the IPP and what types of scenarios the REMC might want to Exercise. This will also be discussed at the November REMC Meeting.

Bruce Melendy discussed the Post Office Box at the St. Johnsbury Post Office that was used by LEPC 9 but since the REMC started in July 2021 very little mail that actually pertains to the REMC is received. It has been renewed bi-annually for the past two years and is up for renewal in November. Bruce suggested getting rid of the Post Office Box and there were no objections.

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, September 25, 2024.

The next Cal-Essex REMC Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at the Barnet Fire Station at 2pm, also available via ZOOM.