



Cal-Essex REMC Meeting Minutes

Here are the Minutes for the Cal-Essex REMC Meeting, Monday, September 25, 2023.

DATE: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 TIME: 2pm

LOCATION: Barnet Fire Station, also available via ZOOM.

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

Introductions were done.

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 Cal-Essex REMC that number would be nine voting members. Glenn Herrin made the motion that effective January 1, 2024 there must be nine voting members attending the Cal-Essex REMC Meeting to qualify as a Quorum. Neil Monteith seconded the motion and it passed.

Emily Harris from Vermont Emergency Management provided an update. October 12, 2023 is the deadline for IA,PA,SBA, and Emergency Watershed Protection. Any questions can be directed to ADM.2023floods@Vermont.gov. VLCT is holding weekly recovery calls-Tuesdays at 1pm. <https://www.vlct.org/resource/flood-recovery-weekly-meeting-vem>. The State HazMat team offers a variety of trainings-Air Monitoring, Compressed Natural Gas, Clandestine Lab Awareness, Lithium Ion Battery training- additional details, including how to schedule are available on their website: <https://firesafety.vermont.gov/emergency/hazmat>. Crisis Management for School Based Incidents for Key Decision Makers- this in person class is happening in Northfield on October 9th and 10th, 8-4 each day. There is virtual training available on 10/11/23 for being a VTAlert Administrator or if someone is just looking for a refresher course. Registration is through the Learning Management System. MGT 484 Nature

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Based Solutions for Mitigating Hazards is available on 10/24/23 from 1-5 pm, information available through the Learning Management System. Emily reminded everyone to fill out the debris survey that has been sent out a few times. Emily introduced Sid Pollock as the new Northeast Regional Coordinator for Vermont Emergency Management and advised if anyone has any questions on any of the information she provided to reach out to Sid.

Alissa Fontaine from Northern Vermont Regional Hospital advised she is working with the Hospital to put together some exercises and because she is new to the position looking for people from various agencies to work with her on this. She wants to get the right stakeholders to the table to discuss potential exercise for spring, 2024. Alissa also advised there was going to be an Active Shooter exercise at St. Johnsbury Academy on October 6th and the Hospital will be participating in that exercise. Emily Harris mentioned the Red Cross is willing to come to the area to do training on the fundamentals of opening and managing a Red Cross Shelter and the REMC would like that. Emily will work with the Red Cross on some potential dates for in-person training but also indicated there is an on-line course if anyone is interested in taking that. Emily also suggested the REMC put together an Integrated Preparedness Plan of potential exercises and training they would be interested in over a three-year period. This will be put on the November 29, 2023, Meeting Agenda.

The minutes from the March 29, 2023, REMC meeting were reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.