



## Orleans-Essex REMC Meeting Minutes

Here are the Minutes for the Orleans-Essex REMC Meeting, November 18, 2024

DATE: Monday, November 18, 2024 TIME: 1pm

LOCATION: Newport Fire Station, also available via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Phil Brooks.

Introductions were made. Those attending in person were: Maurice Doyon-Westfield EMD, Rebecca Petelle-Vermont Department of Health, Bruce Melendy-NVDA, Philip Brooks- Glover EMD, Sid Pollock-Vermont Emergency Management and Russell Curtis-Westmore Representative. Those attending via ZOOM were Colleen Kellogg- Charleston Asst. Town Clerk, Michael Sanville- North Country Hospital, Barb Nolan-UTG EMD, and Jacob Hastings-Brownington, EMD.

Sid Pollock from Vermont Emergency Management assisted the REMC on doing an Integrated Preparedness Plan that includes training and exercises the REMC would like to do during the next year. Michael Sanville from North Country Hospital volunteered to put together a Municipal Threat Assessment plan that can be included in the IPP as well as towns could include it in their Hazard Mitigation Plans.

Sid Pollock, the Regional Coordinator for Vermont Emergency Management provided a Vermont Emergency Management Update and Report. Sid asked if anyone was interested in being the representative for the REMC on the Statewide Local Emergency Management Planning Committee. Phil Brooks volunteered to be the Orleans-Essex REMC to serve on the Statewide LEPC. Sid advised that Zachary Borst would be the new Regional Coordinator for this area beginning in December.

Elections for a Vice-Chair were on the agenda however only ten voting members were in attendance, so no official business was conducted as twelve voting members are required to be in attendance for a quorum. Travis Bingham, the current Vice-Chair, was not in attendance, however Phil Brooks sent him a message

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during the meeting asking if he was willing to stay on as Vice-Chair, and he responded he is willing to continue to serve as the Vice-Chair.

The next Orleans REMC Meeting will be Monday, January 13, 2024, at 1pm at the Newport Fire Station and also available via ZOOM.

The meeting adjourned at 2pm, November 18, 2024