



## Orleans-Essex REMC Meeting Minutes

Here are the Minutes for the Orleans-Essex REMC Meeting, Monday, March 25, 2024

DATE: Monday, March 25, 2024 TIME: 1pm

LOCATION: Newport Fire Station, also available via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm by Bruce Melendy as the Chair resigned in September and the Vice-Chair was not in attendance.

Introductions were done. Those attending in person were: Maurice Doyon-Westfield EMD, Rebecca Petelle-Vermont Department of Health, Rick Hannux-Brighton Fire Chief/ EMD, Kevin Lacoss-Newport City Fire Chief/EMD, Bruce Melendy-NVDA, Jonathan DeLaBruere- Newport City Manager, Philip Brooks- Glover EMD, Bill Sanborn- Maidstone EMD Sid Pollock-Vermont Emergency Management, Reginald Beliveau-Vermont Division of Fire Safety. Those attending via ZOOM were Kurtis Johnson- Jay EMD, Colleen Kellogg- Charleston Asst. Town Clerk, Stephanie Malmstein- North Country Hospital.

Reginald Beliveau from the Vermont Division of Fire Safety did a presentation on the programs the Vermont Division of Fire Safety provide.

There was discussion about what towns are doing for preparation and planning for the April 8<sup>th</sup> Eclipse Event which is expected to attract thousands of visitors to the Northeast Kingdom area.

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 voting member appointed to the REMC.

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

Elections of a Chair and Vice-Chair were on the agenda however only seven voting members were in attendance, so no official business was conducted as twelve voting members are required to be in attendance for a quorum.

The next Orleans REMC Meeting will be Monday, May 20th, 2024, at 1pm at the Newport Fire Station and also available via ZOOM.

The meeting adjourned at 2pm, March 25, 2024