



## Orleans-Essex REMC Meeting Minutes

Here are the Minutes for the Orleans-Essex REMC Meeting, Monday, May 20, 2024

DATE: Monday, May 20, 2024 TIME: 1pm

LOCATION: Newport Fire Station, also available via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm by Travis Bingham, Vice-Chair, as the Chair resigned in September.

Introductions were done. Those attending in person were: Maurice Doyon-Westfield EMD, Rebecca Petelle-Vermont Department of Health, Kevin Lacoss-Newport City Fire Chief/EMD, Jonathan DeLaBruere-Newport City Manager, Bill Sanborn- Maidstone EMD Sid Pollock-Vermont Emergency Management, Michael Sanville- North Country Hospital, Travis Bingham- Newport City Police Chief, Eric Miller-Newport City Police Dispatch. Those attending via ZOOM were Phil Brooks- Glover EMD, Colleen Kellogg- Charleston Asst. Town Clerk, Bruce Melendy-NVDA, Beverly White- Brownington EMD, Barb Nolan- UTG EMD.

There was discussion about changing the meeting dates and times as one person who would like to participate in the meetings has a conflict with meeting the last Monday of the month at 1pm. It was agreed to change the meeting dates for the Orleans-Essex REMC to the third Monday of the month, still at 1pm.

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. This was discussed at the March meeting and there has been some progress made since that meeting as some communities have appointed a second voting member to the REMC.

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There was discussion about training and exercises the REMC would like to participate in to include possibly doing a three year Integrated Preparedness plan which Cal-Essex REMC did in November, 2023.

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 nine 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, September 16, 2024, at 1pm at the Newport Fire Station and also available via ZOOM.

The meeting adjourned at 2pm, May 20, 2024