



Orleans-Essex REMC Meeting Minutes

Here are the Minutes for the Orleans-Essex REMC Meeting, Monday, September 16, 2024

DATE: September 16, 2024 TIME: 1pm

LOCATION: Newport Fire Station, also available via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order at 1pm by Bruce Melendy as the Chair resigned in September 2023 and the Vice-Chair was not present.

Introductions were made. Those attending in person were: Maurice Doyon-Westfield EMD, Rebecca Petelle-Vermont Department of Health, Jonathan DeLaBruere- Newport City Manager/Interim Fire Chief, Sid Pollock-Vermont Emergency Management, Michael Sanville- North Country Hospital, Russell Curtis-Westmore Select Board, Noah Bond- Brighton Town Manager and Bruce Melendy-NVDA.. Those attending via ZOOM were Lynn Limoges-Orleans Visiting Nurses Assoc., Colleen Kellogg- Charleston Asst. Town Clerk, Beverly White- Brownington EMD, Barb Nolan- UTG EMD, Alison Low-NVDA, Allison Webster- NVDA, Jesse Noone-NVDA.

Allison Webster from NVDA did a presentation on the Municipal Vulnerability Index Tool which will help communities view the hazards that have been identified in their region for Hazard Mitigation Planning.

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. This item will be put on the Agenda for the November REMC Meeting.

Sid Pollock, the Regional Coordinator for Vermont Emergency Management provided a Vermont Emergency Management Update and Report. Sid also reminded everyone to complete the survey that was

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recently sent out in reference to getting better attendance at the REMC Meetings as only a few had been submitted.

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. Phil Brooks, the EMD from Glover, did indicate in an email that he was willing to serve as Chair going forward.

The next Orleans REMC Meeting will be Monday, November 18, 2024, at 1pm at the Newport Fire Station and also available via ZOOM.

The meeting adjourned at 2pm, September 16, 2024.