



## Orleans-Essex REMC Meeting Minutes

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

DATE: Monday, September 25, 2023 TIME: 1pm

LOCATION: Newport Fire Station, also available via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm by Phil Marquette.

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 Orleans-Essex REMC that number would be twelve voting members. It was decided to vote on this at the November REMC Meeting.

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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 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

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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.

Mike Sanville from North Country Hospital advised he and Rebecca Petelle from the Vermont Department of Health were working on updating the Mass Care/Medical Surge response plan and are hoping to exercise this sometime in 2024. 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 interest in taking that.

The minutes from the March 27, 2023 REMC meeting were reviewed.

Phil Marquette advised he has a new job which will limit his ability to attend meetings during the day. The selection of a new Chair will be put on the Agenda for the November 27, 2023 REMC Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35pm.