

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AGENCY  
MINUTES OF  
March 12th 2024  
Regular Meeting  
SALEM CONNECTICUT

Present at meeting:

Board Members:

Mike Bednarz

Cory Bourgeois

Erik Trotter-Remote

Eva Agathos

Peter Lynch

Staff:

Richard Martin

Christina Martin

Not Present:

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1. Meeting called to order by M. Bednarz at 7:07 pm EST.

2. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C E. Agathos/ P. Lynch) to approve the Minutes of 01/09/2024.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

3. Guests /public comment– None

4. Everbridge- 335 Residents 41 employees – The double messages are going down. There were 6 double messages recorded for the last Everbridge message that was sent out. C. Martin will continue to work with EVB liaison to resolve the issue. The Everbridge system cost is set to increase this year. C, Martin will call our rep to negotiate a locked in price for next 3 years.

5. Eversource – M Bednarz attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter webinar in February with Eversource. It has been reiterated about the possibility of “Planned Brown-outs” due to high demand for electricity. Notification of these “Planned Brown-outs” will be done ASAP but there is no guarantee that we will receive the notification prior to the event. Probability of a “Planned Brown-out” is LOW currently.

6. Old Business:

A. 2024 Drill: Nothing to report, Continues to next meeting

B. Communications: Status-quo – State radio test has been completed for the month.

The next scheduled State radio test will be held on 3/26/24 at 10AM. R. Martin will contact the tower company that does the inspection for QV to schedule the town’s tower inspections.

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7. New Business:

A. EMD/Committee Activities: 2024 Emergency Management Symposium will be held on 4/23/2024 at Camp Nett in Niantic CT. M. Bednarz, R. Martin & C. Martin have already registered to attend. M. Bednarz has presented the EPA budget for the upcoming year. M. Bednarz also met with Frontier Communications about a dedicated Fiber Internet line for EPA. C. Martin will draft a document that will outline the specific items we are looking to have upgraded. EPA is also looking into cellular backup system.

8. Other Business:

A. EOC- Ready and Operational to activate for any emergency that arises. R. Martin is finishing up the last part of the LEOP updates.

B. Vulnerability Assessment - On going. Continued to next meeting.

C. Outreach – C. Martin has been working on the town's first "official" Town of Salem CT Facebook entity, page & group. Final approval is pending to launch.

9. Good & Welfare:

A. Monthly Weather Tip- Brush fire awareness & Fire Danger daily awareness.

B. Current Events: Affordable Connectivity Program that is currently Federally funded is set to end in April 2024 if the program is not re-funded. The State of CT is looking into a way to do a state level ACP program. CT recognizes the importance of internet access.

C. EPA Meetings – On going discussion of EPA regular meeting moving from monthly to quarterly. This is an ongoing topic and more information is needed before any discussion is made. Continue to next meeting.

10. Adjournment:

M/S/C (C. Bourgeois/E. Trotter) at 7:35 PM EST.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted by  
Christina Martin