

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AGENCY
MINUTES OF
Aug 8th 2023
Regular Meeting
SALEM CONNECTICUT

Present at meeting:

Board Members:

Mike Bednarz

Erik Trotter

Eva Agathos

Cory Bourgeois

Staff:

Richard Martin

Christina Martin

Not Present:

Peter Lynch

1. Meeting called to order by M. Bednarz at 7:20 pm EST.

2. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (E. Agathos/ E. Trotter) to approve the Minutes of 7/11/2023.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

3. Guests /public comment– None

4. Everbridge- 307 Residents 39 employees- There was a critical infrastructure update done. There have been no double messages so far after the update has been done. Will continue to monitor.

5. Eversource – Several PSA on Summer weather that could impact electrical grid. There are talks of another rate increase to come later in the year.

6. Old Business:

A. Drill: Phase 3 will focus on logistic of moving the children from the school to a safe haven like the town hall/library. Discussion of what will be needed to occupy the children while in the safe haven location. Seasonal dependent supplies. EPA to compile a list of possible supplies for 420 people. School nurse should have all records needed for special need of kids. If nurse is unable to physically grab records. Remote access is a suitable alternative. Possible distractions for children could include: games, puzzles, coloring books, fidgets, Legos, etc. M.Bednarz to reach out to the school to request security/safety meeting to take place sometime within the first 30 days of this school year.

B. Radio Upgrades: Nothing to report at this time

7. New Business:

A. EMD/Committee Activities: A walk through of the Salem Disc Park was done on 8/5/2023. Fire Dept to work out how to evacuate a patient(s) from the wooded areas of the park during a medical emergency. There is currently no ETA on the opening of the park to the

public. Parking signage will be needed to ensure there are no dangerous parking hazards prior to opening the park.

8. Other Business:

A. EOC- The EOC is fully functioning and ready to operate.

B. Outreach- Possible EverBridge sign up event to be held on Election Day, - Continues to next meeting.

9. Good & Welfare:

A. Monthly Weather Tip: Swim Safety- Don't Swim Alone.

B. Current Events: Uptick in shark bites in Long Island sound. With seasonal storms could result in a long duration electrical outage. R. Martin will be taking part in the ARES SET drill on 9/30/2023 via the EOC communications.

10. Adjournment:

M/S/C (E. Trotter/E. Agathos) at 8:20PM PM EST.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted by
Christina Martin