

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AGENCY
MINUTES OF
October 11th , 2022
Regular Meeting
SALEM CONNECTICUT

Present at meeting:

Board Members:

Mike Bednarz

Peter Lynch(zoom)

Erik Trotter

Eva Agathos

Cory Bourgeois

Staff:

Richard Martin

Christina Martin

Not Present:

1. Meeting called to order by M. Bednarz at 7:06 pm EST.

2. New committee member: Removed

3. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (C. Bourgeois/ E. Agathos) to approve the Minutes of 09/13/2022.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

4. Guests /public comment– Jim Miller and Ed Chmielewski

5. Everbridge- 307 Total web registrations to date. No new enrollment this month. No Double Messages this month. C. Martin to touch base with Everbridge rep on interval of messages.

6. Eversource – M. Bednarz met with Eversource Rep TJ via Zoom. Eversource will assign a rep to us during emergencies. There is a planned outage today due to tree maintenance.

7. Old Business:

A. Drill: Need more information from the school. M. Bednarz will email the school again requesting information that it needed. Prior calls have not been returned at this time. All future requests will be in writing. C. Bourgeois will contact school to try and obtain the information requested.

B. Annex review: Annex L has been reviewed & updated.

M/S/C (P. Lynch/ E. Agathos) Vote: Approved Unanimously

Next EPA meeting to review full EOP for approval.

C. Radio Upgrades: Town of Salem is looking into joining the State of CT P25 Network. This would include upgrading the following departments: FDs, PW, EPA, and EOC with mobile & portable radios. Approx amount of radios are 22 mobile & 50 portables. EPA is also looking to condense antennas that will allow multiple functions from 1 antenna. 1st Selectman Ed Chmielewski signed agreement with State of CT. Awaiting approval of agreement. Approx cost 280K

D. Communications: <This topic ties into the Radio Upgrade topic> Several areas within the town have little or no radio coverage. C. Bourgeois to research if this topic is covered in the other funding. CT Land Mobile Network Emergency Services Survey Study has already been

completed by the state.- Joining this network would enhance radio communication within the town as well as mutual aid efforts for incoming or outgoing aid.

8. New Business:

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9. Other Business:

A. EOC- The EOC is ready to operate for any emergency. Discussion of adding a dedicated fiber internet line to EOC. Funding already secured.

B. Outreach: Salem FD to so an outreach with Salem School. Social media is still proving to be the best form of outreach to residents.

C. Shelter Salem School will be assigned as a "Short Term" Shelter operating up to 72 hours. Regional Shelter will remain as "Long Term" shelter operating more that 72 hours if needed.

10. Good & Welfare:

A. Monthly Weather Tip: Hurricane Safety/ Generator Safety/Cyber Security

B. Current Events: M. Bednarz did a "Walk Through" of Fitch High School for safety & security. M. Bednarz will suggest the same be done for Salem School. This is a free service provided by DEMHS Reg 4.

11. Adjournment:

M/S/C (C. Bourgeois/ E. Agathos) to adjourn at 7:56pm EST.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted by
Christina Martin