

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AGENCY  
MINUTES OF  
January 10th , 2023  
Regular Meeting  
SALEM CONNECTICUT

Present at meeting:

Board Members:

Mike Bednarz

Peter Lynch

Erik Trotter

Eva Agathos arrived @7:26pm

Cory Bourgeois

Staff:

Richard Martin

Christina Martin

Not Present:

1. Meeting called to order by M. Bednarz at 7:09 pm EST.

2. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (E. Trotter/ P. Lynch) to approve the Minutes of 12/13/2022.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

3. Guests /public comment– Ed Chmielewski and Res. Trooper Kevin Crosby

4. Everbridge- 307 Total web registrations to date. There has been reports that notification alerts are not stopping after an acknowledgment has been entered. C. Martin to touch base with Everbridge rep to see if we can clear this issue up.

5. Eversource – The last storm Eversource was having some communication issues. M. Bednarz submitted Ticket via MuniHub. Eversource is working on correcting these issues.

6. Old Business:

A. Drill: No new information at this time- Continued to next meeting.

B. Radio Upgrades: No new information at this time- Work in progress- Continued to next meeting.

C. Communications: The topic of the Internet Modem for the EPA is in need of being replaced. C. Martin to gather information and price quote to replace current modem. The recent storm caused the Hard Line phone to stop functioning. C. Martin reached out to Frontier and scheduled a service call for 12/27/22. Frontier Tech at time of service call was able to resolve issue and phones are functioning correctly again.

7. New Business:

A. EMD/Committee Activities: M. Bednarz performed a "walk through" with Selectman Butcher and reps from SVFD, GLVFD & Public Works of the Disc Park. Entrance & Exit to park will be at RT 85 by Forsyth Rd. There is a possibility of expanding the parking accommodations.

Discussion on possible sign placement to only allow for right turns leaving the park. The LEOPs to include access points for Emergency Service response in the Disc Park. EMD M.Bednarz is also exploring possible storage areas for the Friends of Salem Library.

8. Other Business:

A. EOC- The most recent storm caused 20 roads within the town to be either partially or completely blocked. There were aprox 1000 residents without power at various times throughout the storm. Public Works was able to help midigate trouble areas within the town. Power was restored in a timely manner from Eversource. Use of the new Smartboards made communications seemless between departments.

B. Outreach: Generator Safety- Be Prepared- Generator Awareness Need for power outages. M.Bednarz would like to have the Everbridge information added into the Our Town publication.

9. Good & Welfare:

A. Monthly Weather Tip: Cold Weather Safety & Black Ice

B. Current Events: There was an issue at the Salem School concerning a well pump that failed. The school did not reach out for help for this event. School was dismissed early and canceled for one additional day.

10. Adjournment:

M/S/C (E. Trotter/ P. Lynch) to adjourn at 7:58pm EST.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted by  
Christina Martin