

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AGENCY
MINUTES OF
April 11th 2023
Regular Meeting
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Present at meeting:

Board Members:

Mike Bednarz

Erik Trotter

Cory Bourgeois

Peter Lynch

Staff:

Richard Martin

Christina Martin

Not Present:

Eva Agathos

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

2. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (E. Trotter/ P. Lynch) to approve the Minutes of 2/21/2023.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

3. Guests /public comment– Res. Trooper Kevin Crosby

4. Everbridge- 308 Residents 39 employees- There were no reports of double messages. C. Martin will continue to monitor.

5. Eversource – Nothing to report

6. Old Business:

A. Drill: School to hold Evac drill on 4/17/2023 at aprox 10am. EPA to observe & report only at this time. This will play a part in the multi-phase EPA drill. After review of phase 2 is complete, EPA will move into phase 3 of the planned drill.

B. Radio Upgrades: Both Fire Departments have applied for grants for P25 Statewide radios and removed request for P25 radios to be funded by the town. EPA will submit for funding of P25 Statewide radios for EPA/PW/Town Hall and relocation of antennas to tower.

C. Communications: R. Martin is working on setting up annual service plan for tower maintenance. R. Martin to contact Marcus Communications in regards to tower maintenance.

7. New Business:

A. EMD/Committee Activities: M. Bednarz has been appointed Drought Liaison. R. Martin to attend the Red Cross Shelt Drill on 04/22/2023 at Kelly Middle School in Norwich CT.

8. Other Business:

A. EOC- During the last storm, the EOC was activated for 7 hours. Minor damage was reported. Currently the Salem EOC is ready for operations for any emergency. New back up generator has been installed in the Town Hall. Will need to make sure that all modems are moved to operate on back up generator in case of power outage. C. Martin will contact Salem

IT to make sure all modems are moved. C. Martin to reach out to Frontier for update on dedicated fiber internet line for EPA use only.

B. Outreach- No report at this time- EPA will be planning more events in the future.

9. Good & Welfare:

A. Monthly Weather Tip: Fire Danger - This month we will focus on Fire Danger and how to avoid causing accidental brush fires. Fire level at this time is : HIGH

B. Current Events: Board of Selectmen meeting on 4/12/2023, Town Budget Vote for Referendum on 5/3/2023, Referendum Vote on 5/10/2023.

10. Adjournment:

M/S/C (E. Trotter/P. Lynch) at 7:41 PM EST.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted by
Christina Martin