

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AGENCY
MINUTES OF
February 8th, 2022
Regular Meeting
SALEM CONNECTICUT

Present at meeting:

Board Members:

Mike Bednarz
Dan Marsh
Erik Trotter
Eva Agathos

Staff:

Richard Martin
Christina Martin

Not Present:

Peter Lynch

1. Meeting called to order by M. Bednarz at 7:08 pm EST.

2. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (D. Marsh/ E. Agathos) to approve the Minutes of 1.11.2022.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

3. Guests – None

4. Public Comment - None

5. Everbridge- 350 Total web registrations to date. Increase of 9 for the month.

6. Eversource

A. Eversource will continue to clear/cut back trees over the next year.

B. Scheduled Power Outage- With supply shortages, Eversource has sent out notice that “scheduled” power outages may be needed. This is all dependent on weather and demand. The possibility of a 10% to 40% reduction. Power may be out 4-10 hours. Rolling brown-out may be an issue for electricity dependent residents.

C. Eversource Storm Rep- Prior to the severe weather, Eversource assigned a designated representative to the town. The rep was in contact with EMD prior to and during the storm with email updates. Once the weather subsided, the EMD received the “Blue Skies” message. Placing operation back to normal.

7. Old Business:

A. Drill- E. Trotter suggested that we include a school evacuation in the drill. This topic needs further discussion and will be continued to next meeting.

8. New Business:

A. Inventory & Supplies- Discussion is ongoing regarding updating the EPA infrastructure. Currently, discussions are being held on the possibility of purchasing a cargo trailer, Multiple Smart Boards, (4) Sandwich type boards, and LED Electronic Programable Road Sign. Purchasing these items will allow EPA to update critical inter-connectivity with FD’s, PD, PW, and others. Items may be used for multi-agency assignments. The signage will help to improve direction/awareness for possible distribution events and/or traffic flow. This topic will be continued to next meeting.

9. Other Business:

A. EOC- A pre-plan meeting was held the night before the predicted storm. R. Martin opened the EOC at 6pm and C, Martin joined him at 6am. There were not incidents reported. The EOC wrapped up operations at 6pm after EMD M. Bednarz received the “Blue Skies” message from Eversource.

B. Outreach – This topic is ongoing. Suggestions on use of Everbridge and/or any centralized informative way to reach more of the population of the Town of Salem is being discussed. This topic is continued to next meeting.

10. Good & Welfare:

A. Weather Safety Tip – Potholes, standing water over roadways and/or road safety.

11. Adjournment:

M/S/C (E. Agathos/ E. Trotter) to adjourn at 8:25pm EST.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted by
Christina Martin