

Calais Emergency Management
Approved meeting minutes May 23, 2023
Location: Calais Town Hall

Present: Denise Wheeler, Betty Copeland, Rick Kehne,
Nick Emlen, Anne Toolan, Marge Sweeney

Convened 7:00 PM

March, April meeting minutes approved (Denise/Rick)

Discussion with Marge on the status of the Curtis Pond dam Emergency Action Plan update with the dam reconstruction postponed to 2024. RFP for the work is scheduled to go out on August 1, 2023. An updated EAP is required by Vermont Dam Safety Program before the work can begin. They are providing us with a new template. We expect to have the update completed by the end of June.

Denise is contacting Cat Fair at CES to explore the feasibility of expanding the automated phone messaging system used by the school to include town-wide notification about evacuation sites, shelter openings and other resources during an emergency event.

Denise will contact Shannon Davis re the status of her daycare center in N. Calais so that we can update the LEMP list of vulnerable populations accordingly.

Betty reported on the May 10 meeting of the Regional Emergency Management Committee. Draft meeting minutes [here](#). A recording of the meeting is available. Presentation by Montpelier Police Chief Eric Nordenson on active shooter event response, and lessons learned from the false active shooter threats to Montpelier High School on 2/8/23. Montpelier PD doesn't have a key to CES. Proposal for keycard access to the schools for law enforcement officers.

2023 Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference on September 20-21 at Burke Mountain Hotel & Conference Center.

Anne reported on the daylong Emergency Animal Sheltering training, hosted on 5/21 by Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team.

Denise and Anne will collaborate on identifying individuals who may want to register with CARES / Citizens Assistance Response for Emergencies. Nick will contact CARES about whether they can provide a list of Calais residents who are already registered.

Rick will ask Vermont Emergency Management for a recommendation on the best use of the grant funding that Calais has received for upgrading our radio communication equipment, i.e. improving our local simplex radio network, or acquiring amateur radio capability that would allow the town to communicate with outside entities during an event when internet, cellular service and land lines are down.

Future CEM meetings will be scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month at the town hall. Next meeting June 27.

Meeting adjourned 8:30

Minutes submitted by Nick