

Calais Emergency Management
Meeting minutes July 25, 2023

Location: Calais Town Hall

Present: Denise Wheeler, Anne Toolan, Barbara Butler, Jake Aho, Nick Emlen, Jane English

June meeting minutes approved – Denise /Jake

Jake walked us through the Google folder that he set up for Calais Emergency Management. Two versions of 2023 Calais LEMP included: 'working version' and 'non-editable'. Betty will include ARC training slides. Nick will include Harry Schoppmann's VEM training slides.

Debriefed the days immediately following the storm event. With hazardous road conditions due to flooding, CEM team met as a virtual EOC - once on July 10 and twice on July 11. See Jake's notes in CEM Google folder.

Nick reported on 7/19 discussion with Selectboard on emergency management topics: meeting scheduled with VT National Guard, authorization to send a report directly to VT-Alert, and Starlink satellite as a possible communications option.

Proposed to include the E. Calais mill dam in the Calais Local Emergency Management Plan

Need to coordinate with town treasurer for timely receipt of contractor invoices under the EMPG grant. Treasurer's accounts payable done 2x/month. Invoices submitted to DPS for match reimbursement.

We reviewed the process for reporting the post-flood condition of town roads. Messages left on the town garage voicemail checked at least daily by volunteers. Anne T, Jamie M and Barbara B receive other road closure updates, which are then sent to Sarah B for the map. Last week the town purchased a GIS license to enable mapping.

We (who?) will create an inventory of CEM 'stuff' e.g. cones and sawhorses for road closures, vests, information pamphlets – what and where.

Add to Calais town website: the one-page information sheet on emergency resources that CEM distributed at 2023 town meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm

Next meeting August 22 at town hall

Minutes submitted by Nick