

Calais Emergency Management Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2024 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Location: Calais Town Hall

Attendees: Jake Aho, Barbara Butler, Jane English, Betty Copeland, Nick Emlen, Trevor Lewis

Meeting called to order 6:30

Approved meeting minutes March 12 & April 9

Changes to Open Meeting Law:

Legislature temporarily approved fully remote meetings during the pandemic, with July 1st expiration. Pending legislation S.55 would make it permanent.

Nick to talk to Teegan about using town's zoom account for CEM meetings

Follow up from 4/12 discussion with Montpelier Emergency Management

Resilience Implementation Strategy kick-off zoom meeting Thursday at noon - planning for a climate resilient future in Vermont:

<https://climatechange.vermont.gov/event/resilience-implementation-strategy-kick-0>

Shelter updates:

Betty has completed her Red Cross shelter training!

Nick got pallets to go in East Calais Rec center basement to store CEM materials

Betty spoke with Marsha at the Red Cross about receiving cots/blankets/hygiene kits

Betty to work with Barbara and Jake to put the shelter volunteer contacts in a google drive spreadsheet

Proposed to form a sub-committee for shelter initiatives

RACES Vermont wide net at 7:00 pm. Jane, Betty, and Jake checked in

Proposal to create Google Groups for Calais emergency management and Calais radio communications.

Jake to create CEM group.

Radio topics:

GMRS nets are 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30

Nick will contact selectboard about placing a shelf in the utility closet behind the town hall kitchen for the radio and cell signal booster, also to follow up with Rick about availability of a locking cabinet

Add to the CEM [Planning Initiatives document](#):

- Inventory of ash trees bordering Calais roads (significant emergency preparedness concern) from Calais Conservation Committee survey
- Map with local sources of potable water such as hand pumps and springs that are available when electric power is down

Jake has been appointed Emergency Management Coordinator

Animal sheltering - invite Lisa Lemieux from Vermont DART, Calais Animal Control Officer Buffy Langlois, and Colleen Bloom to the June 25 CEM meeting. Denise and Anne to lead

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm