

Calais Emergency Management Meeting Minutes - draft
June 25, 2024 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Location: Calais Town Hall

Attendance: Jake Aho, Betty Copeland, Jane English, Denise Wheeler ,Rick Kehne, Nick Emlen

Meeting called to order 6:30

Approved meeting minutes June 11th and May 28th

Recent storm events

- Observations that heavy pine needle shed is piling up on sides of roads which is preventing proper water runoff.
- Some people did not get the 911 alerts on their landlines or mobile devices.
 - Nick to follow up with our 911 coordinator to ask if everything went as planned
 - We need to figure out why some were not getting the alerts and communicate the resolution to the public via FPF so any community member that is not getting alerts can take the immediate action.
 - Need to continue testing radios. Next net is Tuesday 7/2 at 7pm

May 15 REMC meeting report - Jake

- Sid Pollock announced the availability of funding for hazard mitigation projects.
- Betty to talk to Anne Toolan to ask what has been requested via grants already
 - Funding ideas for hazard mitigation grants:

Installing heat pumps or free standing AC units at town hall/shelters

Second propane tank for town hall

Jake will forward to us the quarterly REMC meeting minutes as they become available

Calais town website updates:

Jake to discuss with Sarah

- Can we have a separate page for alerts/notices?
- Can we have a portal where we can easily make updates?
- Making use of the banner box at the top of the home page for alerts/notices

Nick will offer to coordinate with Friends of Calais Town Hall and Calais Energy Committee on the heating/cooling initiative at town hall as it pertains to the capacity of the existing 500 gallon propane tank and use of the town hall as an emergency shelter site.

Tutorial on CEM google group

<https://groups.google.com/g/calais-emergency-management>

Send emails to calais-emergency-management@googlegroups.com to email the listserv

Additions to Agenda:

Risk of Coronal Mass Ejection (CME): Solar Activity is peaking in 2025 and there is an increasing risk of large CMEs that could take down the power grid and if strong enough, can fry all ungrounded electronics. Denise to schedule a presentation with Michael Billingsley. This presentation should be announced and open to the public as a separate public meeting.

Agenda items postponed to next meeting:

Action item spreadsheet review

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03

Minutes submitted by Jake