



### Orleans-Essex REMC Meeting Minutes

Here are the Minutes for the Orleans-Essex REMC Meeting, May 19, 2025

DATE: Monday, May 19, 2025 TIME: 1pm

LOCATION: Newport Fire Station, also available via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Phil Brooks.

Introductions were made. Those attending in person were Maurice Doyon-Westfield EMD, Zachary Borst-Vermont Emergency Management, Bruce Melendy- NVDA, Kevin Lacoss-Newport Fire Department, Jeff Young-Newport Fire Department. Those attending via ZOOM were Barb Nolan-UTG, Michael Sanville-North Country Hospital, Marilyn Martinez- Brownington Select Board, Phil Brooks- Glover EMD, Rebecca Petelle- Vermont Department of Health, Colleen Kellogg- Asst. Town Clerk Charleston, Gina Lyon-Barton Village EMD and Julie Benedict- Vermont Emergency Management.

Julie Benedict from Vermont Emergency Management did a presentation on the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program.

Bruce Melendy from NVDA discussed the Cal-Essex Communications plan that was recently developed to help EMDs better communicate during Emergencies. It is still in draft form but was presented to the REMC to see if there is any interest in having a similar plan for the Orleans-Essex REMC. There is interest in developing this plan for Orleans-Essex REMC so it will be on the Agenda for the September 15, 2025, Orleans-Essex REMC Meeting.

Zachary Borst from Vermont Emergency Management provided an update on training and exercises that will be occurring soon.

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There were exactly twelve voting members at this meeting to include those with proxy votes, so Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair were done. Phil Brooks was nominated for Chair by Barb Nolan, second by Michael Sanville, and was elected Chair. Travis Bingham was nominated for Vice-Chair by Barb Nolan, second by Michael Sanville and was elected Vice-Chair.

The next Orleans-Essex REMC Meeting will be Monday, September 15, 2025, at 1pm at the Newport Fire Station and available via ZOOM.

The meeting adjourned at 2pm, Monday, May 19, 2025.