

Westmoreland NH Emergency Management

Minutes - 2 April 2026

March minutes were approved after correcting the spelling of Charliy Herr's name.

Old Business:

Tom indicated that EverSource is offering a Training Exercise on Thursday, 7 May in Manchester. Attendance is limited. Scott offered to go.

Tom said that a representative from "911" will help us get the Genasys Alert system up and running. This is a community emergency alert system.

Scott has made assignments for the schedule of work for the OEM members coming out of the "Ice Storm Exercise". He sent these to the OEM members on 17 March 2026.

John Snowden has come up with a description for the "Public Information Officer" at the time of a disaster. At this time John will be the PIC. In the future it would be helpful to have someone with a journalistic background fill that position. Scott will research PIO courses.

New Business:

Tom says that NH HSEM has a new half page handout describing the "Genasys Alert" system. This is for Emergency, Community and Weather alerts. Mark suggested publishing it in the "Westmorelander". Tom will speak to Deb Nelson, at Westmoreland School about the possibility of sending the handout home with each child.

Scott recommended that the Emergency Management office purchase a safe in which we could store our critical WebEOC information.

Mark said that the town's "250 Celebration" will occur on Saturday, 30 May. Planning for the event is being directed by Patti Seymour. This would be an opportunity for Emergency Management to activate WebEOC. EM will meet on Tuesday, 26 May at 7pm at the EOC training room to plan for this activation. Bill indicated that he would be out of town on both of those dates.

Tom is planning to meet with the Emergency Management Directors of Chesterfield and Walpole to establish connections between the 3 towns.

Scott said that the Starlink antenna will be installed as warm weather arrives.

Scott indicated he feels that a TV should be installed on the south wall of the Fire Station/EOC training room wall. This would allow a better opportunity to monitor WebEOC information during an emergency event.

Meeting adjourned 5:10pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, 7 May, 2026

Bill Chase