

# Westmoreland NH Emergency Management

## Minutes - 4 December 2025

**Present:** Tom Finnegan, Scott Talbot, Mark Terry, Bill Chase

Meeting Opened: 4:07pm

The Emergency Management meeting minutes of 13 November 2025 were approved.

Old business:

Scott will submit an after-action report on the Ice Storm Drill next month.

Shelter volunteer training. It is felt that a weekday evening would be the best time rather than a week day during the day or a weekend.

We might enlist Karen Fabis's help to schedule the training session if needed.

There is a question whether background checks on all shelter volunteers is necessary. Scott will check on who might do the background checks and what the cost would be.

New business:

Scott is looking into Starlink. This is an organization that will supply internet connection in the event fiber internet lines go down. There is also the possibility that Statlink would allow cellphone use in the event the cellphone towers went down. Scott needs to obtain a bracket to attach a Starlink antenna to the communication tower to allow Starlink to come in. Scott suggested we include, in our proposed budget for next year, funds to operate Starlink if Starlink was needed during a disaster.

Tom said that the NH HSEM grant for the emergency management generator is completed.

Tom and Scott will set up the white boards that we have purchased.

Mark has been notified by the NH Municipal Association that the town needs to a Mitigation Plan updated every 5 years. It is thought that it was last updated in 2022.

Mark suggested that we seek to have general statements drawn up for "Emergency Management Communications for Elected Officials. It is possible that the NH HSEM will help us do this.

Mark also indicated that his wife may be willing to run WebEOC in our emergency operations center in the event of a disaster.

Tom said the budget request to the town for Emergency Management for 2026 will be submitted soon.

Next Meeting – 8 January 2026 – 4 pm

Meeting ended 4:50pm

Bill Chase