

# Westmoreland NH Emergency Management

## Minutes - 1 May 2025

**Present:** Tom Finnegan, Jim Kritzer, Bill Chase

Meeting Opened: 4:04pm

April minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Jim said that the LEOP does not need to be updated every 5 years.

He suggested that we consider revising the Hazard Mitigation Plan ourselves without an outside consultant.

Tom said that Maplewood Nursing Home has yet to be put on Eversource's Critical Infrastructure List because they must have Maplewood's EverSource Account number. Tom says this is being taken care of.

Bill said that the Shelter Fundamentals course has yet to be scheduled. It may have to wait until school is out for the year.

He also said we will not be comparing school volunteer lists with shelter volunteer lists in regard to background checks because of privacy issues.

New Business:

Bill has written an article for the "Westmorelander" about Westmoreland Emergency Management. Jim suggested we include a request to residents who are willing to volunteer during a disaster to notify us. The question is how to set up the contact process. Bill will look into whether the town has created an EM email address.

Jim recommended we clarify in the article that the EOC is no longer in the Town Hall as indicated in the 2022 EOP, but that it is now located in the new fire station.

Tom would like to see the article posted on Facebook. He will ask John Bridges to help do this.

We have been informed by Scott Talbot that the fire station radio tower is 80% completed.

Tom recently attended a NH HSEM meeting in which it was said that EM needs to be aware of the town's "Procurement Policy" when dealing with a disaster. Tom will check with Jodi as to what that policy is.

Action Items:

Facebook access – Tom to work with Scott Talbot and John Bridges

Town Procurement Policy – Tom check with Jodi

EM email address – Bill check with Jodi

Hazard Mitigation Plan – each of us on the EM committee read through it and make recommendations for changes.

Schedule course for shelter volunteers - Bill

Get Emergency Management article to Kathy Cox by May 15<sup>th</sup> – Bill

Next Meeting – Thursday, 5 June 2025 – 4pm

Meeting ended – 4:40pm

Bill Chase