

# Bennington County REMC Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 6 PM – 7:30 PM



### Location

Virtual

**Attendees:** Nick Zaiac, Vince Thompson, Paul Doucette, Susan Lenox, Gordon Black, Linda Schmidt, Paul Dansereau, Bob Briggs, Todd Lawrence, Lois Bink, Jeannie Jenkins, Jamie Paustian, Bill Jones (VEM-RC), Dara Zink (BCRC)

### **Guest Speakers:**

- Ashley Happy - Training & Communications Program Manager, State of Vermont Enhanced 911 Board

### **Agenda:**

- Welcome from Dara Zink
- Group Introductions
- Call for any business items to add to agenda – Added an update from Linda Schmidt on Sandgate event (see below)
- Speaker:
  - Ashley Happy – State CARES Program and Supplemental ALI Program
    - Please see attached slides
    - Contact at VDH for trainings at libraries to sign up for CARE and Supplemental ALI: [Beate.Ankjaer-Jensen@vermont.gov](mailto:Beate.Ankjaer-Jensen@vermont.gov)
    - Attached are the rack cards for Supp ALI & CARES
    - Dara is reaching out to find out if there are templates for social media posts
      - No templates but there are videos- Dara to share with the group in follow up email
    - Bill Jones to coordinate a CARES training in Bennington
  - Bill Jones – Introduction as new Regional Coordinator
    - Bill Jones introduced himself as the Bennington/Rutland region’s new Regional Coordinator and shared some of his background.
- Old Business:
  - Discussion of REMC officers. A quorum was not met at this meeting. Voting for Chair and Vice Chair position not conducted. We need 14 of the assigned town representatives to be present in order to meet the quorum required to elect these positions and only had 9 in attendance.
- Updates:
  - Linda Schmidt
    - Sandgate is hosting a Community Table event on January 22 at 10am at the Sandgate Town Hall. Please join! (Flyer attached)
      - Richard Phelan from Londonderry will be presenting on his experience with flooding over the past two years
  - Bill Jones
    - VEM is moving forward with “business as usual” in the current political environment
  - Dara – Update from Bennington County Regional Commission



# FLOODING AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

a discussion with

**RICHARD PHELAN**

*Emergency Management Director  
Londonderry*



**SANDGATE**

**COMMUNITY TABLE**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22, 10:00 A.M.**

**SANDGATE TOWN HALL**

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