

Minutes

Room 108: Malden City Hall, 215 Pleasant St. Malden, MA,

Wednesday, February 25th at 4PM

Meeting Began at 4PM

Approval Of Previous Meeting Minutes:

John initiated the approval of the January meeting minutes, with Stephen making a motion, Eric and Louis seconding, and the minutes being formally approved by the group.

Motion To Approve Minutes: Stephen made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, which was seconded by Eric and Louis, resulting in the formal approval of the January minutes.

Snowstorm Response And Department Updates:

John led a discussion with department representatives including Stephen, Malden, Eric, and Kari-Ann Murphy, focusing on recent snowstorm activities, interdepartmental communications, and operational updates from fire, communications, DPW, schools, and public facilities.

Fire Department Hydrant Clearing: Stephen reported that the fire department has been focused on shovelling out hydrants, with no volunteers from neighbourhoods involved; the team covers all hydrants over several days.

Communications During Snow Emergency: Elaina explained that communications efforts were concentrated on issuing alerts related to the snow emergency, which was declared on Monday and lifted on Tuesday at 10, with no other major communications required.

DPW Snow Removal And Salt Request: John described ongoing coordination with interim DPW lead Paul Myers, including snow removal, tagging, towing, and a recent request to Mima for salt delivery, with a response expected within a few days.

School And Public Facilities Status: Kari-Ann Murphy reported no significant updates from the schools, while Eric noted that public facilities have been focused on snow removal and addressing related complaints, with overall positive outcomes for school lots.

CERT Team Standby And Transportation Planning:

Louis provided an update on the CERT team, noting recent standby status during the ice storm and discussed with John the logistics of ensuring team members can reach the senior centre during emergencies, including potential transportation support.

CERT Team Standby Status: Louis reported that the CERT team was placed on standby by phone during the recent ice storm, with no activation required.

Emergency Transportation Planning: John and Louis discussed the need to confirm whether CERT team members could reach the senior center during a storm, and considered providing

transportation if necessary.

EMPG Grant Application Status:

Elaina informed John and the group that there is no update on the MPEMPG grant application for FY2025, as the application has not yet been released.

Grant Application Pending: Elaina stated that the application for the MPEMPG grant for FY2025 has not been made available yet, and there are no further updates at this time.

Emergency Operations Center Location And Summer Drill Planning:

Louis inquired about the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) location, with John confirming it is at the Police Department, and the group agreed to conduct a summer drill to review roles and test generators and circuits at schools and facilities.

EOC Location Confirmation: Louis asked for clarification on the EOC location, and John confirmed it is at the Police Department at 800 Easton House.

Summer Drill Planning: John proposed running a mock drill at the EOC over the summer to familiarize everyone with their roles, with Eric suggesting the inclusion of generator and circuit testing at schools and facilities during the drill.

Interdepartmental Communication And Future Activation:

John emphasized the importance of ongoing interdepartmental communication via group text, encouraging team members to use it for questions or concerns and suggesting possible future activations of team members during snowstorms.

Group Text Communication: John reminded the group that the interdepartmental group text can be used for sharing questions or concerns, and that it is a useful tool for coordination between meetings.

Future Team Member Activation: John suggested considering the activation of certain team members during future snowstorms to assist with departmental needs, particularly in relation to schools.

Follow-up tasks:

CERT Team Transportation Planning:

Confirm with CERT team members whether they can get to the senior centre during a storm and arrange transportation if needed. (Louis)

DPW Salt Delivery Coordination:

Coordinate with Mima and Paul Myers to confirm delivery time and date for salt to DPW and ensure communication of details to all relevant parties. (John)

EOC Summer Drill Preparation:

Plan and schedule a summer EOC drill at the Police Department to review roles and responsibilities with all team members. (John)

Generator and Circuit Testing:

Organise and conduct a summer test of all generators and circuits at schools and other facilities to assess operational readiness. (Eric)

Meeting ended: 4:23PM