

Aquinnah CERT meeting minutes

10/20/22

Present: Fire Chief Simon Bollin; Gabbi Camilleri; Forrest Filler; Morgan Hodgson; Bill Lake; Tribal Ranger Chris Manning; Kathie Olsen

Calendar

- Morgan has set up a calendar on the Google drive where we can all enter our team availability dates – indicating when we will be off island. She will send out detailed instructions to all. Basically, you can go to your own Google calendar and look for the place that indicates “Other Calendars”. Check that. It will send an email to the CERT account (aquinnahcert@gmail.com), which Morgan will check regularly. When she receives the notice that you are wanting access to the calendar, she will grant it. Once you are notified that you have been granted access, you can go onto that calendar at any time and enter your off-island dates. THANK YOU MORGAN!

ServSafe

- Classes for food handlers are available on-line for \$15, and for food managers for an additional fee (type ServSafe into your browser). They may also be available in January from the MV Center for Education and Training (formerly ACE-MV). Meanwhile, both Noli and Gabi have their ServSafe food handler certifications. Again, THANK YOU MORGAN for doing the research.

Training

- Chris is still waiting on the Red Cross regarding training for overnight shelter volunteers and for CPR refresher trainings. Chris will keep trying, but said that in case of emergency “we will just do what we can.”
- Forrest heard from the Oak Bluffs Fire Chief that they are having a CPR training next Friday (October 28) and have room for a few more people. Forrest will send the CERT list information on how to take advantage of this opportunity.
- Simon pointed out that TriTown is supposed to do this training for us.
- Kathie reported on the First Aid Refresher course offered by Gary Robinson and Jeremy Bradshaw (Chilmark Fire Chief). Carla, Noli, Gabi and Kathie attended along with Sylvia Malm from the Chappaquiddick CERT. It was a fun and truly helpful session and great **thanks are due to Gary and Jeremy for their work.**

Shelters

- If either shelter will be providing cooked food, or stored cooked food, they will need to have a ServSafe Manager on premises; this is a hole for us to fill.
- Simon suggested that Chris look for disposable pillows for the overnight shelter.
- For crucial safety purposes, the generator has to be checked regularly when it is in operation. This task needs to be added to the checklist for the Town Hall shelter manager on duty.

Communications

- Forrest reported that a test was run on using Zello. It was a good beginning. He pointed out that we need to turn our Zello app “On” during an event (look for the power icon on the top right corner), or when he or Chris has notified us to do so. Radios still have to be tested – Forrest will reach out to each individual on the radio team to do so.
- Forrest will send Simon information on connection to our Zello and radio channels.

Database

- Gabi has found many names doubled and even tripled on the GIS database that tracks residents who may be in need of assistance. She will edit and remove the duplications.
- Gabi has also found the volunteer sign-up sheet from Public Safety Day and is adding them to our list of volunteers. She will make sure to duplicate the list for Carla and Kathie.
- Gabi and Kathie will prepare a letter to all who have volunteered to help CERT, keeping them in touch, and letting them know of what to expect going forward.

Other information

- Forrest informed us that there is a student from the Massachusetts Maritime working on development of a Community Emergency Management Plan. Forrest will tell her about CERT and we are asked to assist if she asks.
- Kathie requests that any ideas/information that people have about budget needs – for repair or purchase of equipment, for food, for shelter supply (including signage), be sent to her asap. She will prepare a proposed budget for us to discuss at our next meeting. Once we have a budget approved, we will submit it to the Select Board for addition to the Town budget.

Next meeting

- It was agreed that we would skip the November meeting. Our next meeting is now scheduled for:

DECEMBER 1st, 5:30 PM, Aquinnah Town Hall
