

Aquinnah CERT meeting
9.3.20

Present: Beckie Scotten-Finn; Brooke ; Forrest Filler; Gabbi Camilleri; Gary Haley; Simon Bolin; Chris Manning; Rhandi Belain; Gary Robinson; Kathie Olsen; Noli Taylor; Carla Cuch

Next meeting: Thursday October 1st at 5:30

Thank you Gary! Gary will be moving to Michigan in October. He'll be coming back 2 or 3 times a year, and can lead trainings when he comes! He'll also be accessible via email while he's away. Gary reminds us to remember that federal help is probably not able to get here in big emergencies; taking care of ourselves and our neighbors is the way forward. Keep trying to help other towns on the island follow our lead.

Town Hall generator: The generator behind Town Hall is connected to the Hall itself and the police station. This is good news! If power went out, we should have about a week of power with the current generator and our current needs. However, the Hall is going to switch over to mini-splits, which will require more energy than the space has needed in the past.

Now we have a 16kW generator; the largest they make is 22kW; we'll probably need this size to make up for the increase in energy usage from the mini-splits.

Other ways to save energy in Town Hall: the electric hot water tank downstairs is a 40-50 gallon tank; could that get more efficient, or switch to gas? The stove in the kitchen is both electric and gas; could it be changed to a completely gas stove? The gas tank behind the Hall is a 10,000 gallon tank, and feeds the generators, the stove, etc. The tank is plenty big enough for increased usage. But climate considerations mean we should stick with electric wherever we can.

Next steps:

- Look to upgrade to 22kW generator for Town Hall; keep the existing one for Police Station and Town Offices
- Change to on-demand hot water tank
- Get a new stove that is not electric
- Remove electric heater in the police station; put mini-splits there?
- LED lights in Town Hall, kitchen, fluorescents in the bathrooms and in storage room, regular lightbulbs on stage and porch

Gary will put together a quote for a new generator for Town Hall. Then we will look into Green Communities funds and/or funds from CVEC for whatever we need to upgrade the system.

Restoring painting on the stage: **Gabbi** will look into this as a safety measure for the warming shelter. **Forrest** has repaired these before and can help Gabbi evaluate what's there.

Tribal Community Building Shelter: The trailer for holding emergency supplies is still being built. Within 36 hours we should know about when major storms will be hitting us, so there should be enough time for the Red Cross to arrive in town and get set up. **Noli** will ask Ilona Metell and Rick Reinhardson from the Salvation Army to come talk with our CERT group about island-wide feeding plan and Red Cross storm emergency plans; **Forrest** will send Kathie and Noli their contact info. Tribe has cots and blankets ready. **Chris and Beckie** are taking inventory on Monday to see exactly what they have on hand. Even if Red Cross doesn't arrive, we're pretty well stocked, but how much food we have on hand is a question mark.

Warming shelter at the Town Hall during COVID: **Kathie** will call Rachel Fleck from MEMA who is looking at how to best address sheltering during COVID. **Forrest** will give Kathie Rachel's information. Some considerations include: everyone would need to wear a mask; may have to stagger how many people are in the shelter at a time. Town Hall would serve as a warming center: a place to come for information, charge phones, maybe hot drink or soup. Simon and Rhandi will also plan to have an EMS liaison at Town Hall who can connect with other emergency services personnel.

Storage room in Town Hall: Gordon Perry has offered to build shelving in the storage room; **Gabbi** will stay in touch with him on this. Gabbi and Roxanne moved out the yoga supplies that had been stored in there. Is there somewhere else Christmas stuff could be stored? **Everyone** will think about if we know someone with extra room for storage in town. There's also tons of electronic equipment; it's to enable a "live feed" from the Town Hall. **Gabbi** will call MVTV to see if this equipment is still relevant or if we can move it along.

Radio communications: Chief Belain figured out that the Fire Station channel can be heard all over town. **Forrest** needs to re-program the civilian radios we've distributed to our CERT members; he will try and bring radio people together, or meet with them individually to re-program the radios. **Simon** will buy back up batteries for everyone! **Forrest** will check with the Sheriff's office to see if we can repurpose any of their old radios.

Land lines: **Gabbi** will check to see if there are working land line phones in Town Hall.

Emergency preparedness handout: Looks wonderful! Everyone loves it. Once COVID is over we'll need to update the map and info, but in the meantime this is perfect. We can send out digitally through Jeffrey's list now, and Gabbi and Kathie are putting together a complete spreadsheet of everyone in town. **Noli** will ask **Morgan** to send to Jeffrey. **Gary** will talk with Sophia to see if she could be responsible for updating emergency information on the website when there are emergency situations underway, until we have a new Emergency Manager, and if she would train that person once they're on board.

Trainings: **Gary** can do First Aid training, fire safety, and CPR next May or June; **Beckie** will ask Ilona if she can offer a shelter volunteer training for Aquinnah volunteers for the warming shelter and the overnight shelter. Beckie and the rest of the Tribal shelter team also want to

organize drills to practice sheltering. **Beckie and Gary** will send Noli links to on-line trainings to share with the CERT group about helping at shelters.