

## Aquinnah CERT meeting April 7, 2022

### Notes

Attendees: Morgan Hodgson, Bill Lake, Gabbi Camilleri, Barbara Wallen, Randhi Belain, Simon Bollin, Noli Taylor, Forrest Filler

Communications: We discussed the use of Zello which has been helpful in recent weather situations. Randhi said that it does not create an issue or distraction for the police department for us as volunteers to be using it, so we will continue to utilize it in the future. **Forrest** will check with Barbara Wallen to be sure her connection is properly enabled using the app. Simon and Forrest discussed older cell phone coverage; Simon indicated that he did not expect there to be fire alarm issues since alarm companies have made appropriate changes.

Forrest commented that analog radio back up is useful and that he may pursue another grant opportunity. Randhi noted that the age of the DAS that Chilmark and Aquinnah have may be a challenge in the future.

Noli raised the need for monitoring the MVC program that links the digital survey information we have collected. **Gabbi** will work with Chris Seidel to be sure we have the best access and are up to date on the system. **Forrest** agreed to help with this as well.

Training: Beckie indicated an interest by the Tribe in CPR refresher training which everyone agreed would be useful. We discussed coordinating the CERT group that is organized on Chappy. Noli suggested reaching to Russ Hartenstein re island wide training options.

A discussion of shelter training was postponed until the May meeting so that Kathie and Carla could lead that discussion.

Renewal Energy Planning Project Grant: We agreed this was a useful initiative to support given the need for resiliency for weather and other emergencies. **Forrest** will sign the letter for the CERT and as Aquinnah Emergency Manager.

Resiliency at Town Hall: We've received word that the Board of Health will be testing the water at the Town Hall campus every 6 months. Gabbi reported that generator spending will likely be on the town warrant at the annual town meeting. Wind blown snow apparently caused the generator issues earlier this year; it has been determined that the generator is fine mechanically. **Forrest** said he would check the location of the heat pumps for Town Hall to see if they appear to pose an issue that would affect their reliability in poor weather. The solar array plans for Town Hall are moving ahead but will need to be coordinated with other construction. Simon reported that battery storage is a topic under discussion but may not necessarily be a near term solution given fire risks. Bill reported that Dennis/Yarmouth High School on the Cpaе has installed a large battery with fire suppression incorporated into the battery.

PPE supplies: Curt Cetrulo has a significant quantity of masks, face coverings, gowns, gloves, and other PPE. The Town of Aquinnah and the Tribe appear to have sufficient supplies on hands. **Barbara** will reach to Island Food Pantry to see whether they could use more PPE. **Noli** will reach out to the Food equity network to see if they have needs as well.,

Committee status for Open Meeting requirements: We discussed the requirements and tentatively agreed to move to the a system like other town committees to post our meeting dates and agendas in accordance with open meeting law provisions

Our next meeting is May 5, 2022 at 5:30 pm.