

Aquinnah CERT Meeting

May 21st, 2019

Present: Jerry Green; Bill Lake; Forrest Filler; Carla Cuch; Gabbi Camilleri; Phoenix Becker; Chuck Cotnoir; Kathie Olsen; Noli Taylor; Gary Robinson; Morgan Hodgson; Kate Taylor

This meeting focused on updates from each of our three working groups. We will meet next as a group on **June 12th at 5:30pm at the Town Hall**. Other notes and updates below:

Communications (Chuck, Forrest, Gabbi, and Isaac):

- *Radio communication:*
 - Chuck and Forrest have generously offered to help anyone in town who's interested in having a low-cost communications radio, by providing free training on how to use the radio and programming the radio to enable communication across town, to connect to NOAA weather, and to be sure we don't violate any FAA communications rules.
 - We have three radios in town so far; **Bill** offered to be another radio communication point so we can be in touch with other CERT members in different neighborhoods across Aquinnah in case of emergency.
- *Mailing to town residents:*
 - We will compile our mailing to town residents with information about the CERT team and a checklist for folks who want to be contacted in case of emergencies on **June 12th at 5:30 at the Town Hall**
 - **Gabbi** will finish compiling the labels; **Kathie and Noli** will buy envelopes and stamps
 - **Gary** will check the emergency management budget for town to see if there's any money that could go towards our mailing
 - **Noli** will work on putting the questionnaire in a digital format that could be emailed to those whose addresses we don't have in our database
- *Website:*
 - **Forrest** will set up a simple website for our CERT group where we can share materials and information with townspeople about emergency preparedness and local resources.
 - **Forrest** will check in with Liz Witham on how to link a CERT website to the town website.

Shelter (Phoenix, Kathie, Carla):

- Since we last met this group has continued to work on assessing our shelter needs
- They have made a list of the shelter supplies we currently have, another list of what is needed to be able to shelter people for three days at Town Hall, and started to work on planning for food and kitchen equipment needs to be able to feed 90 people for three days.

- **Kathie** is working on pricing out the list of our kitchen and food-related needs to develop the budget for what we'll need for a fully equipped kitchen facility for the shelter. Then we can do some fundraising!
- Jay Smalley helped Phoenix suss out our generator capacity; currently we have 36-48 hours of run time. We need the generator to run the refrigerator, get water, and run heat. Might need another fuel tank or another, larger tank. **Phoenix and Kathie** will talk with Jeffrey about the best next step for generator capacity.
 - o Forrest suggested that we determine amperage requirement for well pump; could we have a couple solar panels and batteries to power that?
- MEMA grant up to \$25,000 or \$10,000 for a town; CERT also has some grants available; **Gary** will look into grant possibilities for us; **Gary and Kathie** will meet with Jeffrey to talk about possibilities of paying for reimbursable funds for these grants to see what our options are. Gary suggested that we might need to set up a CERT fund for grant matching through the town at a future town meeting.
- Carla spoke with Bret Stearns from the Tribe and he is happy to work with the town on any and all of this sheltering capacity work; he has a budget to work with but no storage, nowhere to put equipment; they have a generator that will run for 6 days. **Carla and Kathie** will meet with Bret to see how we can best collaborate, and to see if he wants to join our email list to know about upcoming CERT meetings.
- **Phoenix** is also checking to see if we could get a Red Cross training for shelter volunteers scheduled in the fall.

Trainings and Education (Noli, Gary, Simon):

- **Noli** will get in touch with Simon to set a fall date for a fire safety training.
- We will launch a four-part basic first aid series in the fall, four sessions at 4 hours each; **Noli and Gary** will pin down dates, times, and topics for each session.
- Early August is Public Safety Day; **Gabbi** will reach out to town organizers to determine the date for this event and to see if we can get a CERT table there .