

Aquinnah CERT Core Group Meeting November 5, 2020

Present: Rhandi Belain; Carla Cuch; Kathie Olsen; Beckie Scotten-Finn; Bill Lake; Morgan Hodgson; Noli Taylor

Next meeting: Thursday, December 3rd at 5:30pm via Zoom

New Emergency Manager: Our beloved and recently-retired Emergency Manager Gary Robinson and Police Chief Belain have recommended that the Select Board choose Forrest Filler to fill this position. **Chief Belain** will attend the next select board meeting and will let us know what the selectmen decide.

Emergency protocols: Chief Belain and Fire Chief Bolin have prepared a storm readiness document that **Chief Belain** will send to us. We can see where CERT fits into that plan, and either add to the existing plan or come up with our own separate plan about steps we will take in emergency situations as a CERT team. We will review the Chiefs' document before and discuss how CERT could create our own plan and/or contribute to the existing document at our next CERT meeting.

Sheltering:

- Overnight shelter at the Tribe: Beckie has developed an overnight sheltering plan that is being reviewed by Tribal Council.
 - o Beckie and her colleagues have already assembled lots of materials they have at the ready for sheltering (75 cots, 100 blankets, approximately 50 comfort kits with toiletries and more on the way, privacy screens are coming).
 - o It looks like during COVID they could accommodate up to 50 people, but this number could grow depending on the size of family units who would need shelter.
 - o Trailer to hold sheltering materials should really be on its way soon!
 - o **Kathie and Beckie** will meet to review Red Cross sheltering guidelines during COVID and more.
- During the pandemic, we will need to screen those entering the shelter, including taking temperatures. **Kathie and Beckie** will look into where/how to purchase needed thermometers for both the overnight and daytime warming shelter.
- Metal shelving has arrived to hold warming station materials at Town Hall! Jay and Frank are putting them together, and will install with Kathie and Carla's help. Then **Kathie and Carla** will order what we need for warming station supplies from Island Source and Cash and Carry, with more perishable items to be purchased closer to the time when we'd need to get the shelter open.
- **Beckie** will work with Ilona at the Red Cross to schedule a virtual shelter volunteer training.

Funding:

- There are MEMA grants available for up to \$2,500 for CERT groups like ours. These could pay for flashlights, hand warmers, or other materials.
 - **Morgan** will put together a needed materials list of items we may be able to use this funding for and send to Kathie.
 - **Rhandi** will ask Forrest if we need any money for radios.
 - **Kathie and Beckie** will review signage needs for the different shelters, and what CERT members may need to identify ourselves at the warming station or during check-ins on neighbors, etc (vests?).
 - We can discuss the funding needs everyone has compiled and next steps on the grant at our next meeting.