

NH Public Work Mutual Aid Program BOD Meeting

Date: August 19, 2021

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Virtual Meeting



Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum - Meeting called to order 11:06 AM

Present:

- Johnna McKenna
- Kürt Blomquist
- Alan Coté
- Caleb Dobbins
- Marilee LaFond

Activations: Several communications circulated throughout PW.net relative to serious rain/flooding events in several NH towns.

Debrief from recent activities:

- Opportunity to educate members on how to make a request through NHPWMA in support of “opening” roadways, as well as how to utilize PW.net to gather resources
- May be valuable to connect with towns impacted and gather feedback post-event, including on accessing resources, network, etc.
- Many requests were for small items- cones, barriers, sign packages, in addition to things like equipment as we’d expect
- How can we support the coordination during an event to help get roadways opened (understanding mutual aid does not extend through recovery)- particularly in smaller towns, the road agent or other individual may have several competing priorities in a time of emergency, so having a point person who can lead coordination may be helpful.
- Possible ideas include EMD, a NHPWMA-affiliated group of peers,
- NHPWMA peer group or other “pool” of vendors, partners, and peers could coordinate materials, supplies, as well as educate and inform on important procedural reminders, including in first hours/days but also in sharing best practices for short-term response (temporary fixes) and longer-term planning (permanent fix, authorization process for temp/perm fixes, understanding financial considerations, etc.)

October 15th Workshop

- ML confirming catering
- Cost free for members, \$25 for non-members

- Fifty minute sessions with ten minutes between
 - AC identifying a speaker to present on weather forecasting
 - KB will lead Mutual Aid 101
 - JM will inquire with NH Cyber Security Advisor for session in that scope
- Will consider having some vendors, door prizes, etc. and encourage attendees to visit vendors during breaks or between sessions

Meeting minutes prepared by Marilee LaFond