



CERT Meeting 5/27/26

The meeting began at 7pm.

Present: Peggy Askew, Tristan Askew, Marcia Bradley, Willie Corbisiero, Suzanne Gerrera, Neil Hubbard, Barbara Kimmich, Carol Kouba, Ken Lauffer, Doug McIntyre, Connie O'Grady, Vince Troiano, John Tsadilas, Maureen Tsadilas

Minutes: Doug made a motion to approve the April minutes, Vince seconded, and the minutes were accepted.

Monthly fire and EMS report (65 mile radius): There were 53 fire calls and 119 EMS calls through 5/25/26.

No OEM report

Old Business:

Thank you to Ken and Vince for running drones during the search and rescue exercise and to Ken for recording it.

Some comments on the search and rescue training:

Barb: communications could have been better, whether within Stillwater CERT or across CERT units. We needed better direction. Maybe we should focus on building teamwork within our group.

Neil: the training focused too much on dogs. We did not do a grid search. Both

radios could be heard at the base, but they could not hear each other.

5/5: A program on tick awareness and sun safety was given by Juliette Bannister of the County Health Department.

6/1: A home safety program presented by Maureen is scheduled at the Community Center.

Background checks have been done on all but two CERT members.

New Business:

Stillwater Day is 6/6. CERT will work there till 5pm. Maureen asked if we wanted to use a donated snow cone machine for the day. We would supply the ice and cups. Peggy made a motion in favor, and Doug seconded. The members voted in favor.

Application submitted by Maureen.

The June business meeting is rescheduled for **6/17 at 6:30**, location tbd. A search and rescue drill will take place during this meeting. Maureen is working on the location.

9/20: Sussex County Day 11am-4pm. The members voted yes to participate. Application submitted by Maureen.

10/4: The mayor of Hardwick asked if Stillwater CERT could direct traffic at the Vass House for Oktoberfest. The members voted yes. Maureen has initiated the TIMS Training, which is beneficial for the team to take for this type of event.

10/10: Stillwater Fall Fest The members voted to participate.

Applications are not yet out to the public.

CERT earned \$300 for participating in Stillwater Cleanup Day.

Neil made a motion to purchase a wagon to carry CERT supplies. Suzanne seconded, and the motion was passed. Purchase not to exceed \$50.00.

Willie made a motion to purchase the necessary yellow safety shirts for the team. Purchase not to exceed \$275. John seconded, and the motion passed. Maureen is working on a donation to help with the purchasing of safety shirts.

Vince earned his amateur radio license and his remote pilot certification. He is certified to operate Drones for our CERT team when needed.

We may need to have media policy forms. Maureen sent her samples out to Lisa to be reviewed, possibly sent to the town's attorney for review.

There is a Traffic Incident Management Response Training (TIMS) available online. Maureen prepared a How-to Informational Handout for each member. She explained the website is extremely difficult to maneuver through.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Kouba