

## Report of the Emergency Management Department

2022 was the year to return to normalcy. With the recent pandemic behind us, we have entered the time for “learning how to live with it” as we move forward.

The first part of the year involved the EM department along with Police, Fire, Road Agent and Town Administrator supported by the Rockingham Planning Commission to review the Town’s existing Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. This cycle we also included the school maintenance and facilities planning. The plan is required by FEMA and is updated every 5 years. On April 28, 2022 the Select Board held a Public Hearing on the draft for citizens to provide any public comment. The plan was approved by the Select Board and was published on June 2, 2022.

In May 2022 Fremont was assigned a new Field Representative from the NH Department of Homeland Security. The EMD met with the new Field Representative in the early summer to review local plans and discuss Town capabilities and resources. This meeting also provided an opportunity to review and reset priorities for the next 12 to 18 months, and to leverage the State for training and exercise preparedness as needed. Also discussed during this meeting was Fremont’s proximity to the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant, and while we are not one of the 17 communities within 10 mile emergency planning zone, Fremont shares borders with towns that are within this zone. Shortly after the meeting with our State Field Representative, Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant experienced a false alarm that sounded throughout the local communities, which created significant concern and confusion for local residents of the Seacoast and beyond. Therefore I have included with my end of year report the most recent planning information provided by the State of New Hampshire.

<https://www.readynh.gov/disasters/SeabrookStationEPZPreparednessInformation.htm>.

Respectfully submitted,

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Emergency Management Director

The Select Board and Office Staff were pleased to host a well-attended Veteran’s Open House on 11 November 2022 at the Town Hall.

Wonderful stories shared by our Veterans, light refreshments and warm weather to get out on a rainy Friday afternoon!

Thank you Veterans for your service!



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