

# Meeting Minutes

CERT Meeting  
09/28/2021

## Attendance

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Carolyn Solon, President  
Charlie Neiss  
Charlie Delaney  
Karen Pennett  
Lynn Stahl  
Lorri Monetti  
Lynn Franklin  
Denise Soppas  
Pegg Ponzio  
Maria Fittipaldi

## Agenda

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Old business  
New business

## Call to Order

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7:33 pm by President Solon

## Old Business

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- Training
  - Mental health in June
  - Question raised about 4-town meeting remote. Concern raised about nature of training – topic needs to be very specific and limited in scope, cannot be hands-on, use of break-out rooms can make it do-able. Table-top drills and refreshers are possible.
    - Shelter fundamentals
      - Electronic version of manual will be distributed
      - Physical manual will be ordered
    - First aid/CPR refresher
    - Annual joint exercise on hold due to pandemic
- Meetings/COVID-19
  - Meetings will continue to be remote at least through end of the year.
  - Numbers had been trending up for several weeks, both at the county level and in Watchung, but have ticked down over the past few days
- Green Fair
  - Helen and Denise staffed the table – spoke with a lot of people
    - Provided information on CERT
    - Register Ready information
    - Emergency preparedness information
  - There is a student at WHRHS who has taken Teen CERT training and wants to start a CERT program or club at the school.

- Video she produced could
- Sustainable Jersey
  - One action item needs work to be accepted.
  - Two action items were accepted as submitted.
- Lorri attended 9/11 ceremony
- Reminder to submit hours to Karen.

## New Business

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- Hurricane Ida
  - Response is on-going at county level
  - CERT was activated on Sept 1 at 11 pm
    - Assistance was requested for motorists stranded at police station
    - Significant flooding event in circle and on Somerset St.
    - After-action review conducted
      - Prediction was 4", actual was 11" in a very short period of time.
      - Considering full activation in advance rather than once the storm arrives.
      - Although police staffing was appropriate, they were unable to reach the circle until the waters receded
      - Mayor and one council member assisted stranded motorists in the courtroom.
- Upcoming events
  - Pumpkin painting – unknown if CERT will be required
  - Texier House – Journey Through the Past – May not occur due to damage/mold from Ida.

## Meeting Adjournment

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Motion: Charlie  
Second: Pegg  
Vote: Unanimous  
Time: 8:24 pm