

**ORANGE CERT MEETING**

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**January 21, 2021**

*Michael G. O'Sullivan*  
TOWN CLERK

**\*\*\*\*\*ZOOM conference call set up by Jeff Cap**

**Participants: Jeff Cap, Joe Han, Susan Smith, Lisa Hartshorn, Larry Hartshorn, Tino Russo, Marisa Russo, Maria Russo, Ken Lyke, Mary Ann Connolly, Laurie Swatt, Lynn Knight, Josh Michels, Fred Palmer, Robert Klatzkin, Michael Pritz**

**Happy New Year to all**

**Emergency Management: Fred Palmer and Tino Russo reported on the vaccines. It had been publicized that a vaccine center would be opening at High Plains Community Center.**

**The VNA would be trained with injections. CERT members would volunteer to guide people along.**

**\*\*\*\*\*Orientation and distribution will begin on**

**Thursday, January 28.**

**More info forthcoming.**

**Ken Lyke, Team Leader visited the Milford site and got an idea of how CERT was used. Ken asked if anyone from Orange CERT was interested in assisting at HPCC to please contact him.**

**Tino brought up the fact that there are many more sites within a reasonable distance to Orange and neighboring towns that have opened.**

## Current Phases of COVID-19 :

### ***PHASE 1 a***

Vaccination Healthcare Personnel

Long term nursing care residents

### ***PHASE 1 b***

Over the age of 75

Essential Workers

Registration was through the website VAMS

The website was difficult in using for the first time. Due to high traffic volume on websites and phone lines, residents in Phase 1B were encountering delays scheduling appointments to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

While state leaders urge those eligible for the coronavirus some people are very frustrated with the process.

And for those folks without internet or phone access or family to help them, that task is almost impossible.

TEAM LEADER: Ken Lyke discussed the idea of *oath of office* in a virtual format. There was a discussion that the oath would have to be in by August and maybe by then we could meet collectively as a group.

The virtual oath took place. Ken emailed the oath document which needs to be signed and sent back to him.

Ken also reported that he has completed the 2020 paperwork of activities that CERT has been involved with including meeting and instructions.

Ken reported on Anne Davis's memorial bench which has now been installed. It is located near the walking track by Farmers Museum #1 in front of the wishing well.

Ken acknowledged Roy Cuzzocreo, from Orange Fence & Supply to thank him for installing the bench at no cost. A letter from CERT will be going to Roy.

Ken is interested in starting up a new CERT class. This has been discussed previously. The class will be in conjunction with the newly formed West Haven CERT. Hopefully we can recruit a younger group. Ken will contact Publisher Rocky Salperto at Orange Town for publication.

The meeting ended at 8:20.

Submitted by:

Susan Smith, Secretary