

Select Board Special Meeting
Friday, August 7, 2020 - 12:00 p.m.
REMOTE

Arrangements for remote participation by Select Board members and members of the public were made in accordance with Governor Baker's Emergency Order Modifying the State's Open Meeting Law. Participation in this meeting was done remotely via Zoom.

Select Board Present via Zoom: Chair Thomas Lachiusa, Marc Strange (12:05), Steven Marantz, Mark Gold, Richard Foster

Also Present via Zoom: Town Manager Lyn Simmons, CFO Paul Pasterczyk, Debbie House, Chief Dearborn

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Thomas Lachiusa. Due to COVID-19 concerns, and the Governor's executive order, and changes to Open Meeting Law remote participation, this meeting was held remotely with residents having the option of calling in or sending in their comments. All votes were taken by roll call. LCTV was also utilized to broadcast and record the meeting.

Chair Lachiusa confirmed that all members and persons anticipated on the agenda were present and could hear and be heard throughout the meeting. Ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. This meeting did not allow for public comment.

Approve Emergency Declaration to assist the town with managing the costs of recovery from tropical storm Isaias. The Declaration would allow for cleanup costs deficit spending. This is done for Department of Revenue purposes. The Declaration will expire on September 30, 2020. Some tree assessment is still being done. Originally 35 roads were blocked, as of today they are all open. Two homes have been condemned. Originally 3,000 homes were without power, the number is currently down to 297. Chief Dearborn has been building his own priority list. Eversource gave him a utility crew. The Chief and Deputy Chief are dispatching them. Mr. Marantz noted that it is hard to get information when the power, phones, and internet are out. Chief Dearborn noted that car phone chargers are a good thing to have. Regular storm preparations include charging all electrical devices before storms hits. A cell phone charging station was set up at the Fire Department. Cell service was disrupted briefly due to a problem with an Enfield, CT tower. Ms. Simmons stated that she is still evaluating curbside cleanup of trees and debris. The Recycling Center has extended hours and days for yard waste drop off. Cleanup is not expected to go beyond September 30.

Mr. Gold made the motion to approve the Emergency Declaration for Tropical Storm Isaias that impacted the Town on August 4, 2020, ending September 30, 2020. Mr. Marantz seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Lachiusa-YES, Mr. Strange-YES, Mr. Marantz-YES, Mr. Gold-YES, Mr. Foster-YES

Mr. Gold made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. Mr. Foster seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Lachiusa-YES, Mr. Strange-YES, Mr. Marantz-YES, Mr. Gold-YES, Mr. Foster-YES

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie House

Documents:

Agenda

Emergency Declaration