

Minutes of the September 12, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Neal Fox, Bill Richards, Joe De Freitas, Geneva Gaiko, Mary Floyd, Louise Ferris-Burt, Chris Jarvis, and Amy Danley-White for the "Herald of Randolph."

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Neal Fox, the board first reviewing and approving the weekly payroll and payables. The minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting of August 22, 2011 and its continuation of September 4, 2011 were approved by motion of Joe De Freitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried.

Chairman Fox then welcomed Chris Jarvis, he being present to discuss with the Board a concern he has regarding a leak in the water service to his home on Pleasant Street. The curb stop is located on the opposite side of Route 12 from his house, although the leak appears to be on the "house side" of Route 12. He requested that the Town fix the leak because he believes most water systems place a curb stop on the "house side" of highways. The Board agreed to consider the request, and will provide a response at its next scheduled meeting.

At 6:30 PM, the Board turned to the order of the agenda. Delbert Cloud related information he had obtained from the "Public Assistance Briefing Session" he had attended on September 9, 2011 re. recovery from the impacts of hurricane Irene. He also provided a synopsis of information re. the Camp Brook Road which will be encompassed by the Federal Highway Administration rather than FEMA due to the road's status as a "major collector" on the federal "functional classification system." A memo from the Vermont Secretary of Transportation was reviewed, this explaining the role of regional planning commissions in the recovery effort. The Board unanimously approved interim borrowing to pay the expenses associated with the recovery work; an initial line of credit with Mascoma Savings Bank was approved for the principal amount of \$500,000.00 at 1% per annum for a term of 18 months. Details associated with the placement of a crusher at the Rock of Ages quarry were reviewed, and the needs for engineering services to evaluate the condition of various bridges were discussed. Although initially inoperable, the four wastewater pump stations have been restored to a limited but adequate functional level; they will all require complete re-building. The two wells for the public water system were also destroyed in significant part; temporary repairs and installations have restored distribution of water into the system. Test results for volatile organic chemicals and coliform bacteria have been favorable, and there is no longer a "boil water" precaution, this determination having been made in conjunction with the Vermont Water Supply Division. The Town has coordinated with the federal Environmental Protection Agency to allow collection and holding of hazardous wastes at the Waterman Road solid waste facility. It is understood that the Supervisory Union will be filing a "Request for Public Assistance" to receive aid in restoring various facilities in the area; the Town will thus not include the school athletic fields under its own request. Various other matters pertaining to the recovery effort and future mitigation plans were discussed, these not being concluded in finality at this time.

At 8:15 PM Chairman Fox welcomed Louise Ferris-Burt, Chair of the Bethel Board of Listers, who explained the Listers' plan to inform property owners whose property had been damaged by the flood of the opportunity to seek an abatement on taxes. She believed about 30 property owners would be involved. The Board members concurred with the plan, and Ms. Ferris-Burt departed at approximately 8:35 PM.

At 8:35 PM motion was made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried, to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations associated with parties providing services in the flood recovery effort. The only person remaining with the Board during the executive session was Delbert Cloud; no minutes were kept.

Upon return to open meeting at 9:45 PM, no motion was forthcoming from the executive session. The Board briefly discussed the need to promote the availability of clothing offered at the Town Hall for free to anyone in need. An ad will be placed in the next issue of the "Herald of Randolph." The motion to adjourn was then made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried.

---

Neal Fox

---

Bill Richards

---

Joe De Freitas