

EMERGENCY SELECT BOARD MEETING

July 11, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in Community Center

Those in attendance were Dave Olster, Larry Lynds, Michelle Pingree, Todd Menees, Keith Cappellini, Jay Kullman, and Rick Kaminski.

Jay Kullman called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. The purpose for the emergency meeting was to get an updated assessment of the condition of town roads after the July 10, 2023 flood event and to sign the Bond Letter of Intent requiring the Select Board's signatures, to be submitted by July 12, 2023. Jay Kullman made a motion to sign the document, Keith Cappellini seconded the motion.

Al Poirier gave an update of emergency services provided by the town. A shelter was opened in the Community Center on July 10, 2023, and aided 10 – 12 people stranded by the flood. Also, campers in the Coolidge State Park were stranded by the storm and were able to shelter in place until arrangements were made to get them out of the park. In addition, a few people were extracted from flooded houses.

Larry Lynds gave the road update. Hale Hollow, Johnson Farm, Messer Hill, Grand View Lodge, and Kingdom roads all have severe damage. Sub - contractors have been hired to help the town road crews in providing temporary repair work, with one lane only access, until FEMA can assess the damage and approve more permanent repairs.

Jay stated the Route 100 bridge, a temporary fix, should be open by next week.

Todd Menees stated that we must be sure to get any Municipal Road Permits and / or Stream Alteration Permits necessary as road repairs proceed. Also we must be aware of terminology used in FEMA documents, for example Landslide should be stated as Mass Slope Failure.

Jay asked about applying for a line of credit to cover expenses for work and materials necessary to repair town roads.

Larry suggested a line of credit for at least 1.5 million, to be repaid as the town receives FEMA reimbursements. The board also discussed leasing a trailer to be on site for storing all FEMA documents and to be used when needed for meetings with FEMA representatives. He stated this will be a multi-year process and will require meticulous record keeping in order for the town to be re-imbursed for all storm expense.

Jay motioned the meeting be adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

The Select Board went into executive session at 4:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Elaine Pauley