

August 26, 2011
Special Selectmen's Meeting
Preparation for Hurricane Irene

Present: C. Guiry Chairman, A. Richards, FC David Baker, Road Agent Fred Greenwood, & Patrolman Aaron Thompson

Meeting opened at 3:00 PM.

Agenda:

Highway Department Report:

- Beaver dam debris removed from the culverts. All culverts opened and all are okay. Some extra ditching was done to improve water flow.
- Highway yard – some trenches were dug to improve water flow and bypass the well.
- Fuel tanks have been chained down.
- Vehicles are all placed on higher ground behind fire station. All vehicles are ready to go with fuel tanks filled and all fluids checked.
- Equipment: various hand tools are in place on all trucks. Extra equipment is being stored in the FD shed, which is on higher ground.
- Signs: various signs such as “high water”, “road closed” are all available and ready for use.
- Road Agent was given permission by Selectmen to hire added personnel as necessary for emergency purposes.

Fire Department Report:

- Flooding at Fire Station: Fire Chief states that with pavement and better water drainage there should be no major flooding at the station.
- Personnel: plan a Sunday morning meeting to assign duties.

Police Department Report:

- Generators: generators are located at school and fire department and have all been checked and ready.

Communications Report:

- Highway and Police Departments will use hi-band radio to communicate.
- Cell phones can be used but may not be reliable in all areas.

Medical Needs Report:

- One resident on Marcel Road uses oxygen. Police will check to see if he still lives there.
- No other known medical issues.

Command Center Report:

- Selectmen appoint Fire Chief David Baker as EMD for this storm.
- Center to be established at fire station.

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- FC will use his motor home as center as it is self-contained with a generator. He will have better communications and use of his computer. Also can move it easily to higher ground, if necessary.

Coverage Report:

- Highway Department: Road Agent will be on duty at the Highway Office. He will check on all roads in town and call in personnel as needed. All personnel will be available all weekend.
- Fire Department: Fire Chief/EMD will be on duty at the fire station.

Highway Objectives:

- **Phase 1:** Clear the roads to be passable, with all debris pushed to the sides; main roads first, side roads second and dead-end roads last.
- **Phase 2:** Clean up all roads after the storm.

Office Preparation:

- All computers are to be disconnected to protect against power surges. Town Clerk will do that on Saturday to all computers in Town Offices.

Emergency Center:

- School will be opened by custodian for warming shelter.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM